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## 96 percent of Saipan now has 24-hour water supply



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In this file photo, U.S. District Court for the NMI designated Judge David Carter talks with a project contractor's representative during a tour last Jan. 30 at the newly constructed Northern Marianas College 1.0-million-gallon water tank. The tank replacement project, which was funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, has been fully operational since a couple of months ago. Listening to the discussion are Commonwealth Utilities Corp. counsel, board of directors, and officials, along with U.S. Department of Justice and EPA counsels and officials, and Gilbane Federal officials. Carter also inspected other CUC water and wastewater projects during that tour.

### » CUC priority now on water leaks

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The visit by U.S. District Court for the NMI designated Judge David Carter last January that focused on the water and wastewater operations of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has resulted in 24-hour water now being supplied to 96 percent of Saipan, with CUC now shifting its priorities to water leak repairs, according to CUC officials.

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## Kilili: Torres long-time supporter of improved status

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) acknowledged that Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has been an ardent supporter for granting improved status to long-term guest workers in the CNMI, as



Sablan

he pushes again—his fourth try—to grant CNMI-only status to foreign nationals who make up a large part of the Commonwealth's labor force.

Sablan, who is seeking a sixth term as the CNMI delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives, introduced

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## Speaker agrees with PSS on gen. revenue

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House Speaker Rafael S. Demapan (R-Saipan) claims the legality and morality of him signing the Public School System certified question pe-

tition prevents him from co-signing it, even as PSS threatens a lawsuit.

In a lengthy four-page statement, the House speaker states that he believes the definition of "general revenue," as disputed between the CNMI

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## Local

# Torres wishes GOP sweep in Nov. polls

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres wishes that all of his fellow GOP candidates will win this November.

Torres, who is vying for the gubernatorial position for this election, said during yesterday's GOP rally party in Susupe that he believes he is blessed to be a member of the GOP.

"I am very blessed to be part of such a good family, good friends, and good constituents," said Torres in a brief interview yesterday.

"I am very blessed with everything," he said, adding his expression of gratitude to the organizers of yesterday's party, who reportedly finished preparations early morning yesterday at 2am just to wake up again at 5am for last-minute preparations.

"...That's real action and real progress. We move forward, and I ask everyone to give their support," he added.

Torres' running mate for lieutenant governor, Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan), said yesterday



ERWIN ENCINARES  
GOP supporters flock to the Susupe roadside yesterday for the road waving prior to the GOP party rally yesterday.

was a "nice day to have a rally."

"We are very overwhelmed and humbled by all the people that...put their Sundays away and came out and [supported us]," he said.

Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan), who is running for the delegate position, said the support of the people yesterday was a "celebration of progress."

"The people are turning out because the people recognize the progress. This is the work

that we undertook in the previous election, and today is the celebration of the results that we have delivered and the commitment of our party to continue delivering for the people," he said, before going back to the roadside waving.

Yesterday's rally started with an 8:30am motorcade going to Susupe Beach Park, across Marianas High School. At 9am, a roadside waving was held before starting the GOP party rally at around

11am at the Minatchom Atdao Pavilion area.

The GOP slate consists of the following lineup:

## Governor and lieutenant governor

■ Ralph DLG Torres, governor

■ Arnold I. Palacios, lieutenant governor

## Candidate for U.S. delegate

■ Angel Demapan

## Candidate for Saipan mayor

■ David M. Apatang

## Candidate for Northern Islands mayor

■ Diego Kaipat

## Candidate for Rota mayor

■ Efraim Atalig

## Candidate for Tinian mayor

■ Edwin Aldan

## Candidates for Senate (Saipan)

■ Justo Quitugua

■ Joseph Deleon Guerrero

## Candidates for Senate (Tinian)

■ Jude Hofschneider

■ Frank Cruz

## Candidates for Senate (Rota)

■ Victor Hocog

■ Felix Santos

## Candidates for Precinct I

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■ Joseph Leepan Guerrero

■ Greg Sablan, Jr.  
■ Luis John Castro  
■ Roman Benavente  
■ Ray T. Palacios

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**AT INDEPENDENTS' PICNIC/RALLY****Babauta calls administration runaway govt**

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"I think we have a runaway government," according to former governor Juan N. Babauta in an interview during the independent candidates' picnic/rally at the Civic Center in Susupe last Saturday.

Independent candidates, backed up by some Democratic Party officials and members, lined up the shoulder of both southbound and northbound Beach Road in front of Civic Center starting at 10am. Waving placards to show their candidates, some even used the traffic refuge island.

Shortly before 12noon, the candidates and supporters moved to Civic Center for lunch and drinks. A live band entertained the crowd.

Babauta said what the CNMI now has is a government that



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Former Rota Mayor Joseph Inos and other supporters join independent gubernatorial candidate Juan N. Babauta and Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (Ind-MP) at the roadside waving along Beach Road in Susupe last Saturday. Sablan is seeking his 6th term.

feels that they are no longer accountable to the people.

Babauta said there is an old

philosophy that says that this government is an instrument

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## Farrell helps PSS with professional development

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Historian Don Farrell lent his expertise to the Public School System by giving a lecture last Thursday at Saipan Southern High School to 30 teachers from various public schools on how to effectively use his history textbook this new school year.

Farrell's *Modern History of the Northern Mariana Islands* is the PSS-approved textbook and he guided the teachers during the lecture on how they could explain the rich and colorful history of the Marianas to their students.

"These are all public school teachers from elementary to high school and they are all interested in the CNMI's his-

tory. One thing the [Board of Education] and the PSS administration have worked is to integrate the history of the Marianas from elementary to senior high school," said Farrell. "We are making sure that our kids begin developing the concept of what the CNMI is from the time they are little kids until they go out of high school, go to college or join

the workforce."

Explaining how to use the book as a teaching tool is his main goal. "The purpose for this is to introduce the new book to the teachers—show them how to use the book and talked to them on how to use it as a teaching tool. That's the goal of this class."

Farrell said most of his lecture is based on the book, but also added other anecdotes and events that he uncovered

in his research—"basically what comes out of the book but some are also based on my research."

"I do share with them things that I have learned and experienced over the years that are not appropriate or not necessary in a textbook. So, essentially we're reviewing the textbook."

He added that although the schedule was set at four and a half days, he plans to end his lecture today. "Our goal is to make it at the end of the book by tomorrow afternoon where everybody walks out of here having a basic idea on how to use the book in their classroom at whatever level."

The lecture is part of PSS' professional development under the PSS Office of Curriculum and Instructional Services under associate commissioner Jackie Quitugua.

Quitugua said they asked

all of their teachers to report back to their respective schools last Wednesday to attend the various professional development workshops that are being held in different public schools on Saipan.

"The PD is a plan under the Office of Curriculum and Instructional Services for our teachers. The contents are under the new curriculum and standards map that have been designed for the school year," she added.

"Talking to all these teachers, they are so grateful for the opportunity for learning through this PDs. Of course, we still have areas to improve on and we are paying attention to every detail," said Quitugua.

Mathematics, science, English language arts, Chamorro and Carolinian language heritage studies, and health and physical education are some of the other available courses.

## BABAUTA

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of the people, it was created by the people.

The former governor said it seems that in the current government structure, the people are afraid of their government.

Babauta said it is because of this lack of transparency, lack of accountability, and fear for losing their jobs.

"It's really should be the other way around. Government should fear its people. That's kind of the message here. We have a government that feels that they can do whatever they want. And the people are out here to see that that changes," he said.

On the picnic/rally turnout, Babauta said he is just so happy and that he appreciates the participation of all of their supporters from the independent candidates.

He said Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (Ind-MP), and those who are running for senators and for House of Representatives had brought in their supporters as well.

"It really shows how enthusiastic they are about making changes in our community. They want to see change. We want more accountability in government and transparency," he said. Babauta said accountability in government and transparency are really the kind of

the two messages that are resonating in the community.

He said the people are excited about the prospect of making this change in the community for the better.

"So we are out here generally speaking to make the lives of our people better. And the only way that we make it better is if we bring government back to the people," he said.

Among those who showed up at the picnic/rally were the CNMI's first governor Carlos Camacho, former lieutenant governor Jesus Borja, former Saipan mayor Jose "Pito" Sablan, former Rota mayor Joseph Inos, former Tinian senator David Cing, and Sen. Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota).

Borja said he is a member of the Democratic Party and that he came to support the independent candidates being endorsed by their party.

Borja said the Democratic Party has joined forces with independent candidates.

Borja said if the independents would not join the Democratic Party, but if they like the support of the Democratic Party, if they believe in the principles of the Democratic Party, then they would join forces.

"Pretty good. People came out. We're hearing slogans, shouting of time for a change, we want a change. The people want a change," said Borja when asked about the turnout of the picnic/rally.

## KILILI

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H.R. 6578 in the 115th Congress. He hopes the bill would gain traction if the Democrats take the Congress' leadership.

"To be very honest, the governor, even when he was in the Legislature, he was never against it. And he mentioned in 902 that there's language in there, so I'm asking him recognizing that," said Sablan.

"In fact, H.R. 5588 or 5586, in the previous Congress, that one that I introduced, that language came from the 902 [report] product. The only thing I changed was for E2C investors, because that was left out."

Sablan said that's why he

wrote Torres on Aug. 1, urging him to publicly support his bill that would create a pathway to a permanent U.S. residency status for long-term guest workers in the CNMI.

In his response to Sablan, Torres said it has been his personal and official position in pushing to provide long-term guest workers "economic security" in their status in the CNMI.

"I have been consistent in my belief that improved status is good for the CNMI both economically and socially in order to recognize the contributions long-term guest workers have and continue to make in our islands and in an effort to prevent the separation of families," said Torres.

He added that Sablan

should do whatever he thinks is beneficial for the people of the Commonwealth. "As our current delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives, it is your responsibility to do what is right for our Commonwealth and the people who call these islands home."

Sablan said the bills he introduced that would grant improved status to long-term workers have been unpopular to many CNMI residents. But, he added, granting long-term guest workers improved status is the right thing to do and would benefit the local workforce.

"If we can do this, as the number of CW decreases, the number [of workers] will not actually decrease since we will still have many of these work-

ers here [under] CNMI-only status for now. Temporary for the first five years and after that they could eligible to apply for a green card."

"And if they qualify, then they get a green card. That's very unpopular and I have already been told by someone that, although they had always voted for me, they are not voting for me this time because of that. It's okay, I can go to sleep at night doing that."

Sablan said he also included in the language of H.R. 6578 the E2C investors since they are also part of the CNMI's economy. "I included E2C, which is about 200. These are people who have businesses, who provide jobs to those long term non-U.S. citizens here."

## WATER

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CUC executive director Gary P. Camacho and CUC deputy executive director William B. Gilmore disclosed that, based on the focus of Carter's visit during the latter part of January 2018, CUC water and wastewater operations staff and the water and wastewater engineering division have been working on infrastructure improvements.

Camacho and Gilmore said they are prioritizing leak repairs now that 24-hour water is being supplied to 96 percent of Saipan and are incorporating the new Northern Mari-

anas College water tank in the supply system, which has allowed CUC to push water further north of Garapan.

CUC's two top officials discussed the success story of the utilities agency's water and wastewater operations in their stipulated order No. 1's quarterly report, which covers April 1, 2018, through June 30, 2018. The report was submitted last week in the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

SO1 focuses on drinking water and wastewater and the restructuring of CUC's organization.

Camacho and Gilmore said CUC's effort allows its water operations to hydraulically balance supply between tank

service areas and to pressurize the transmission and distribution system with an average of 38 lbs. per square inch.

They said storage tanks that used to store no more than 25 percent of their capacity before CUC lost them to leak conditions are now storing upwards of 75 percent to 90 percent of their capacity.

"Having all but the eight contaminated wells operating, one contaminated well is back in service, along with Donie Spring which runs strong during wet weather conditions, is a significant success story for CUC," Gilmore said.

Camacho and Gilmore admitted they haven't been this efficient or this effective for at least eight years or more.

They added that completing the China Town water line replacement project next year will further benefit this success, based on the known leaks in that area.

Camacho and Gilmore said they are mindful that a to-do list must be pursued in anticipation of Carter's next trip to Saipan this month.

Despite the focus on tasks to be done, they said CUC had been planning, implementing and proceeding with efforts to address all of these issues. The list includes putting 17 wells back online to improve 24-hour service to the island's various areas—Koblerville, China Town, and Gualo Rai. They said the work on the 17 wells is now complete.

## SPEAKER

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Legislature and PSS during annual budget talks, should include revenue before annual earmarks, or funds set aside by statutory law prior to calculating the amount available for annual appropriations.

Because of this belief, he said in his statement, it is illegal and immoral to join the certified question as a disputing party.

"As set forth in the Rule 11 and Rule 14 of the Supreme Court rules, there needs to be a legitimate dispute between two public officials that relates to the exercise of their duties," Demapan stated, referring to the two rules of the Supreme Court regarding disputes and elected officials. "So far as I can honestly tell, my position and the Board of Education's position are not in conflict on the issue of what constitutes the 'general revenue' of the CNMI."

Demapan believes that if he were to disagree or dispute the position, he would be disagreeing with the opinion from the attorney general, which recognizes "general funds" by excluding prior earmarks.

"When funds are separated from the 'general revenues,' then the amounts that would otherwise be available to fund our children's educations are reduced accordingly," he said.

### PSS already 'conceded'

Demapan further stated that in a way, PSS has already conceded with receiving the net total of CNMI general revenues post-earmarks.

He said that assuming two qualified parties proceeded with the certified question, one side would need to dispute the legality of the earmarks while the other would need to support them.

"The problem that would arise at this point, however, is that PSS agrees that 'proper earmarks' could be and should be deducted before PSS gets its 25 percent share. In other words, PSS already conceded that they should be given the 'net,' not 'gross' [amount of general revenues after earmark reductions]," he said.

"...If PSS takes the position that 'proper earmarks' are legally constitutional and properly excluded from the computation of 'general revenues,' then to create a dispute, I must take on the position that 'general revenues' as defined by the 'Annual Commonwealth Government Financial Statements' and as set forth in audited financial statement, are all-inclusive and that the earmarks created by the Legislature are legally deficient," he continued, adding that he is not "prepared" to take on the position since he is the House speaker of the Legislature, which created the special funds which are annually earmarked.

"I cannot in good faith take the position that all of the earmarks that have been passed by the Legislature are somehow improper on the one hand while I continue to create these earmarks for various well-deserving beneficiaries on other," he said.

Both PSS and BOE approached the Legislature for clarity on the definition of "general funds" pertaining to their annual appropriations annually for several years.

BOE gave the go signal for filing a certified question petition defining "general revenue" since they believe that the amount of funds available before earmarks should be included in the 25 percent minimum annual appropriation for PSS, which is a mandate of the CNMI Constitution.



# Torres-Palacios gets No. 1 slot on ballot

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The GOP bet of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and running mate, Senate president Arnold I. Palacios, got the No. 1 slot on the ballot at the Nov. 6 election.

Former governor Juan B. Babauta and his running mate,

Man who stole Govendo's gun mentally incompetent to proceed with sentencing

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona on Friday found mentally incompetent to proceed with the sentencing a habitual offender who pleaded guilty for stealing a gun during a burglary at the house of Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Manglona committed defendant Cling Philip Kaipat to the custody of the U.S. Attorney General who shall hospitalize him for treatment in a facility for an additional time until his mental condition is so improved that sentencing may proceed.

At a competency hearing last Friday, forensic psychologist Dr. Lesli Johnson and Kaipat appeared in absentia.

The court received into evidence last July 21 the forensic evaluation prepared by Johnson and reviewed by Dr. Lisa Hope.

Manglona said based on a review of the evaluation and an update from Johnson, and the parties' recommendations, the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that Kaipat is presently mentally incompetent.

Therefore, Manglona said, Kaipat is unable to understand the nature and consequences of the proceedings against him or to assist properly in his defense.

Last April 11, Manglona held a status conference with

Dr. Rita A. Sablan, who are independent candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, respectively, will be the No. 2 on the ballot.

This came after the Commonwealth Election Commission held



Sablan

a drawing of slots for all candidates last Friday. The respective committee-to-elect chairpersons picked up the number for the governor and lieutenant governor.

CEC election registrar clerk Robin Sablan

the parties to discuss whether Kaipat was competent to proceed with sentencing.

The judge then ordered that defendant receive a psychiatric or psychological examination. The defendant was remanded to the custody of the U.S. Marshals, and transferred to the Metropolitan Detention Center for the examination.

At last Friday's competency hearing, assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe appeared for the U.S. government, while Colin Thompson served as the court-appointed counsel for Kaipat. Forensic psychologist Dr. Johnson participated at the hearing telephonically.

Last April 11, Manglona ordered for another psychiatric or psychological examination of Kaipat, who was supposed to be sentenced for possession of a gun that was stolen from Govendo's house.

The sentencing has been postponed several times because of Kaipat's erratic behavior being observed at the Department of Corrections.

In March 2016, Manglona granted the U.S. government's motion for a psychiatric examination to determine Kaipat's competency to understand court proceedings.

In October 2016, Manglona has found defendant to be

mentally incompetent to understand court proceedings.

Kaipat was then committed to the custody of the U.S. attorney general and was hospitalized for treatment. He was later found to be competent to understand proceedings.

In November 2017, Kaipat pleaded guilty in federal court to possession of a stolen firearm.

According to the factual basis of the plea agreement, on Nov. 5, 2015, Kaipat possessed a stolen a 9mm Smith and Wesson pistol.

Kaipat knew the pistol was stolen because he was the one who stole it while burglarizing Govendo's home on Saipan.

In that burglary, he also stole a watch, a hunting knife, and \$500 in U.S. currency. Govendo was off-island when the burglary happened.

In the Superior Court case, Kaipat also pleaded guilty to burglary and theft as part of a plea deal. In November 2016, Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio sentenced him to a total of six years in prison.

The six-year prison sentence, however, will run concurrently with the sentence in Kaipat's conviction in federal court's case. It means that he will serve the six years in prison within whatever jail term the District Court will impose on him. *(Ferdie De La torre)*

said for the delegate position, Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (Ind-MP) will be

No. 1 on the ballot, while Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan) will be No. 2.

Sablan said the slot drawing is important so they can now order the printing of ballots.

Meanwhile, Sablan said they will start receiving requests for absentee ballots on Aug. 23.

He said Oct. 12 is the last day for application for absentee voting by electronic/mail.

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<b>Lin's Air New Energy Saver DC Inverter Split Type A/C</b> 30,000BTU 208-230V 60Hz SEER 18.8 FREON R410	<b>\$1,798</b>	<b>\$1,598</b>
<b>Lin's Air New Energy Saver DC Inverter Split Type A/C</b> 36,000BTU 208-230V 60Hz SEER 17.3 FREON R411	<b>\$1,998</b>	<b>\$1,798</b>
<b>Lin's Air Brand New Energy Window Type A/C</b> 5,000BTU 115V 60Hz FREON R 410A	<b>\$248</b>	<b>\$198</b>
<b>Lin's Air Brand New Energy WINDOW Type A/C</b> 8,000BTU 115V 60Hz FREON R 410A	<b>\$348</b>	<b>\$298</b>
<b>Lin's Air Brand New Energy WINDOW Type A/C</b> 12,000BTU 115V 60Hz FREON R 410A	<b>\$448</b>	<b>\$398</b>
<b>4.5 CU. FT REFRIGERATOR</b> 115v 60HZ	<b>\$388</b>	<b>\$298</b>
<b>7.1 CU. FT REFRIGERATOR</b> 115v 60HZ	<b>\$488</b>	<b>\$398</b>
<b>9.9 CU. FT REFRIGERATOR</b> 115v 60HZ	<b>\$698</b>	<b>\$598</b>
<b>17.0 CU. FT REFRIGERATOR</b> 115v 60HZ	<b>\$898</b>	<b>\$798</b>
<b>18.0 CU. FT REFRIGERATOR</b> 115v 60HZ	<b>\$928</b>	<b>\$828</b>
<b>13.8 CU. FT UPRIGHT FREEZER</b> 115v 60HZ	<b>\$898</b>	<b>\$798</b>
<b>7KG WASHING MACHINE 115V-60HZ</b> 115v 60HZ	<b>\$499</b>	<b>\$398</b>
<b>12KG WASHING MACHING 115V-60HZ</b> 115v 60HZ	<b>\$599</b>	<b>\$498</b>

### A/C INCLUDES:

1. Two years warranty from purchase date. (PARTS AND LABOR - SPLIT TYPE AIRCON)
2. One Year Warranty from date (Parts & Labor) Window Type, Refrigerator / Washing Machine
3. Free basic installation. (15Ft of co tubing & electrical)
4. Free wall bracket.
5. FREE REMOTE CONTROLLER REPLACEMENT (IF BROKEN)
6. NO Cleaning servicing included

### EXCLUSION:

1. Need power supply/ drop line for each A/C unit. (BEFORE A/C INSTALLATION)
  2. Disconnect box / elect breaker. Not included.
  3. Concrete slab for out-door unit (if needed) not included.
- NOTE/REM: OVER BASIC INSTALLATION LABOR & MATERIAL (S) IS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS QUOTE.

**CNMI SCHOLARSHIP OFFICE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Scholarship Board of Directors is hereby giving notice that it will hold its 4th quarter regular board meeting on Thursday, August 16, 2018 at 1:00 pm on Saipan. The meeting will be held at the CNMI Scholarship Office Conference Room.

**AGENDA**

- Meeting Call to Order
- Determination of Quorum
- Review and Adoption of Agenda
- Review and Adoption of Minutes
- Old Business
  - MR WORKS
- New Business
  - AY2018/2019 Programs
  - AY2018/2019 Award Amount
  - Election of Vacant Officers
- Executive Session
- CSO Administrator's Updates
- Announcements & Next Meeting
- Adjournment

/s/ Reyna M. Saures,  
Interim Vice-Chairwoman

# ATTENTION

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**The Island Smiles Dental Plan now available via your allotment**

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# Kilili: Report to constituents now available

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (Ind-MP) has published his biannual Report to Constituents. The four-page, newspaper style report highlights the work of the Marianas congressional office so far in the 115th U.S. Congress and previews issues that will be a focus in the next, 116th Congress. The report is mailed to over 16,000 residents and can also be picked up at the congressional offices on Rota, Tinian, and Saipan. Online readers can find the report at the official congressional website <https://sablan.house.gov>.

"This is our fifth report to Constituents," Sablan said. "As usual, there is a lot of news to pack into four pages. There are stories about the new laws we enacted, the Northern Mariana Islands U.S. Workforce Act, Public Law 115-218, and the Northern Mariana Islands Economic Expansion Act, Public Law 115-53.

"There is an update on the water funding that we have to get reauthorized every fiscal year. We are up to \$73 million total over the last nine years; and you can see how that money is making 24-hour water possible on Saipan.

"There are also updates about how funding that we got into federal law in previous Congresses is now being used in our schools and to increase benefits for families who need help from the nutritional assistance program. So much of what we do in Congress has more than a one-time effect. It keeps paying off

year after year," added Sablan.

## Vets a focus in the 115th Congress

Almost an entire page of the report is devoted to Sablan's work for veterans. At the beginning of this Congress, Sablan asked for and received a special waiver to join the Veterans' Affairs Committee, adding a third committee to his portfolio. Members are generally limited to serving on two committees, but the Democratic leadership sometimes makes exceptions for those who have served in Congress for a number of years and have a proven track record of keeping up with multiple responsibilities.

"Even without membership on Veterans' Affairs, I was able to add a feasibility study for expanding the Saipan Exchange store in Public Law 111-383, the 2011 National Defense Authorization Act," Sablan recalls. "That feasibility study proved the need and the expanded Exchange is now open.

"But our veterans and active military and their families deserved more. So, I hired Tina Sablan to be my Outreach Coordinator in 2015 and made her first responsibility to work with those in the Marianas who have served our nation. We got the House of Representatives to put a Wounded Warrior Fellow, Randy Johnson, on the Marianas congressional staff last year. And then, when the opportunity to be on the Veterans' Affairs Committee came up, I took it."

Legislatively, Sablan's major accomplishment on the Veterans' Committee is another feasibility study: to look at establishing a Community-Based Outpatient Clinic in the Marianas, staffed by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. He put the necessary language, Section 213, into the VA Mission Act, Public Law 115-182, this year.

"We already have part-time, VA-contracted physicians who provide health care to veterans," said Sablan. "And we made a push to make everyone aware of the Veterans Choice program by bringing the CEO of TriWest out to Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to conduct workshops for providers and veterans. That effort tripled the number of community health care providers in the Marianas that veterans can go to and have the VA Choice program pay for."

To support the Community-Based Outpatient Clinic, or CBOC, feasibility study, Congressman Kilili is currently conducting a veterans registration drive. The more veterans there are on record, the better the chances of getting the VA-run CBOC. He is also working to establish a Vet Center and has been advocating for the VA to hire a full-time social worker to be stationed in the Marianas.

"But our primary, long-term goal has to be a CBOC, our own health clinic," said Sablan. "That is what I have my sights on in the next Con-

gress, if the feasibility study gives us the green light."

## Facing the Medicaid 'cliff'

Sablan's report also advises constituents on what other federal policy and legislative actions lie ahead. The congressman said he is looking forward to the results of the Rota National Park study that he had authorized in Public Law 113-291. The study should be reported to the next Congress. If a Rota National Park is deemed suitable and feasible, Congress will then make the decision on whether to designate certain areas of Rota as having unique, national importance worthy of a National Park. Sablan is a senior member of the House Natural Resources Committee, which will make the initial decision.

Congress will also be making decisions on whether the U.S. military will contribute to any public infrastructure on Tinian. "I know that there has been some talk about the military already agreeing to put money into 'outside the fence' civilian infrastructure," Sablan said. "That is a little misleading. Congress specifically barred the military from spending any money in that way on Tinian in this year's National Defense Authorization Act. But I am looking forward to participating in those decisions in the coming years, depending on what level of military activity the Commonwealth government chooses

to allow on Tinian."

Sablan's main concern in the next Congress, however, is the pending end of the extra Medicaid funding for the Marianas that he was able to put into Obamacare in 2010. That money expires in September 2019.

"The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. depends on Medicaid for over one-quarter of its revenues," Sablan reports. "So, losing the extra \$12 million per year that Obamacare provides is going to create a significant financial problem.

"CEO Esther Muña told me long ago that without that Obamacare money the hospital would have closed its doors, after the Commonwealth Legislature cut off funding during the Fitial administration."

In Washington, the Marianas congressional office has already taken the lead in arranging a series of brainstorming sessions with House and Senate committee staff to address the coming "Medicaid cliff."

"Having been in Congress in 2009 and at the meetings with President Obama when the extra Medicaid money was agreed on, I know that we cannot wait until next year to work on this problem," Sablan said. "We are going to need hundreds of millions of dollars in offsets to continue Medicaid for the insular areas at the current levels. Even having been there and done that before, I am concerned about how difficult it will be to fix this problem.

"Especially," Sablan added, "given that Republicans want to put a cap on Medicaid spending nationwide." (PR)



## COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY CNMI GOVERNMENT

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-010-18

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority (Authority) is accepting sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposal (the "RFP"), and other contract provisions, for proposals from qualified persons or firms to provide Risk Management and Consultant Services for the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The Executive Director hereby determines that the use of an Invitation for Bid is neither practical nor advantageous to the Authority because the Authority wishes to acquire services and products that cannot be evaluate by cost alone (NMIAC §40-50-225(a)).

Interested persons or firms are invited to submit one (1) original and two (2) copies of their proposals to the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport no later than 2:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, SEPTEMBER 07, 2018.

This RFP is issued pursuant to Chapter 40-50 of the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (the "NMIC"). Title 40, including chapter 40-50-225, Request for Proposals, is applicable to the process followed by the RFP.

The Proposal Package is available for pick-up beginning August 13, 2018, at the Executive Director's Office, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport.

The Authority at its sole discretion may cancel this RFP if it is deemed in the best interest of the Authority.

**FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY**

**CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO**



THE JUDICIARY - COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

## Commonwealth Judiciary Administrative Office

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Judiciary is seeking a highly motivated individual for the position of:

### DEPUTY MARSHAL I

Announcement # JVA18-32

On the island of SAIPAN

**DUTIES:** The successful candidate will work under the Chief Justice and under the direct of the Chief Marshal in the Marshal Service Division on Saipan which involves the enforcement and execution of judicial orders and assigned law enforcement duties. The duties of this position include, but are not limited to the following:

- Performs enforcement and execution of court orders and service documents such as jury summons;
- Performs court security duties required for judicial proceedings, protection of justices, judges, court staff, clients, jurors, witnesses, and judicial facilities; assists in the operation of the court's security control monitoring systems;
- Conducts inspection and screening of all persons entering the courthouse and prohibits the entrance onto the court's premises of any items that are restricted or prohibited; provides the public with direction and information on all public services locations within the courthouse;
- Prepares written reports of service and non-service documents, incidents, and other reports as required;
- Performs prisoner handling while awaiting court hearings; escorts prisoners to courtrooms and to holding cells as directed;
- Has knowledge of and follows courtroom directives;
- Completes annually all required training including firearms; complies to all procedures relative to the proper use, maintenance, and security of government issued firearms; and
- Performs other duties on the courthouse premises as assigned.

**QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:** Candidate must have a high school diploma or equivalent, a minimum of two (2) years experience in law enforcement and/or one-year college level education in criminal justice or related field of study. Successful candidate must provide current police and traffic clearances and proof of eligibility to work in the CNMI. Must have a valid drivers' license and operate a court vehicle. Applicants given a conditional offer of employment with the CNMI Judiciary will be required to submit to urinalysis to screen for the illegal use of drugs prior to employment.

**COMPENSATION AND TENURE:** This is an ungraded position appointed and served at the pleasure of the Chief Justice. The salary will be \$20,000 annually.

**INTERESTED PERSONS** may obtain application forms at the Judiciary Administrative Office at the Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewe/House of Justice in Susupe, or at the Superior Court offices on Tinian and Rota. Completed applications, cover letter, and three references should be submitted to:

Human Resources  
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P.O. Box 502165  
Saipan, MP 96950  
Tel. (670)236-9818  
Fax. (670) 236-9702  
[michelle.guerrero@justice.gov.mp](mailto:michelle.guerrero@justice.gov.mp)

This job announcement will remain open until filled. Also, this job announcement can be seen and a printable copy of the application downloaded at <http://www.justice.gov.mp>.

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# Learn about Navajo Code Talkers at AMP

In 1982, President Ronald Regan declared Aug. 14, National Navajo Code Talkers Day. Between 1942-1945 young Navajos were recruited to serve with the U.S. Marines during World War II. These men devised an unbreakable code in their native language that allowed the United States to transmit vital wartime messages in the Pacific.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## Emergency water service interruption for Gualo Rai area

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform the general public that there is currently an emergency water service interruption in the Gualo Rai area.

The cause of the interruption is due to various leaks causing low water level in the tanks. CUC water and leak detection personnel are currently making their investigations to determine the location of the leaks. Once found, repairs will be made and water services should return back to normal soon thereafter. Updates will follow as soon as they are available.

Customers are advised to conserve water at this time and inform the CUC Call Center should they know of any leaks. CUC apologizes for any inconvenience it may have caused.

CUC continues to work diligently to minimize any inconvenience to its cus-

tomers. For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor CUC's Facebook page for the latest updates (<https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/>). (PR)

## Cha Cha Oceanview orientation today

Cha Cha Oceanview will be having an orientation for all students today, Aug. 13, 9am at the school cafeteria. All parents/guardians and students are requested to attend the orientation. For more information, call 237-3965 or 664-4100. (PR)

## GES open house tomorrow

Garapan Elementary School will be holding its open house tomorrow, Aug. 14, beginning at 5pm at the school cafeteria. We invite our Mallard family to come meet their teachers and staff as we welcome school year 2018-2019. (PR)

## Volunteers wanted for WSR library

Come volunteer at William S. Reyes Elementary School's library in Chalan Kanoa. Volunteers require no special attributes or skills, and any and all people are welcome to volunteer in our school library. There are no minimum time commitments; and tasks taken on by volunteers can be entirely of their own choosing. Come help develop our students into your helpful productive neighbors of tomorrow!

Please contact WSR at [wsreslibrary@gmail.com](mailto:wsreslibrary@gmail.com) or call 783-2787. (PR)

## FY'18 purchase requisitions, contracts and ITB/RFP requests deadline on Sept. 14

The deadline for submission of fiscal year 2018 purchase requisitions, contracts and ITB/RFP requests to the Division of Procurement & Supply is 4:30pm on Sept. 14, 2018. The deadline is to establish to allow the Divi-

sion of Procurement & Supply to perform the processing requirements before the expiration of FY 2018.

All purchase requisitions, contracts and ITB/RFP requests submitted after Sept. 14, 2018 will be returned to the requesting department/agency to resubmit on the next fiscal year. CIP Project Funds are not by this deadline. Also, all open accounts, be it federal or local, expires Sept. 30, 2018.

If you have any questions, call Procurement & Supply at 664-1500. (PR)

hosting two events:

True Whispers: The Story of the Navajo Code Talkers

When: Aug. 14 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at American Memorial Park Theater

*True Whispers* is a moving testament to the Navajo Code Talkers and their wartime contributions. The film combines breathtaking images of the Navajo reservation with original music, WWII footage, archival photos, historical reenactments, and interviews with Navajo historians and leaders of the Navajo Nation. *True Whispers* is produced by Valhalla Motion Pictures and Red-Horse Native Productions.

Reading Rangers: *The Unbreakable Code* by Sara Hoagland

For youths (kindergarten through 4th Grade)


When: Aug. 14, 9:30am-

11:30am and Aug. 18, 9:30am-11:30am

Reading Rangers is a youth reading program that highlights a variety of books that touch on the park's mission to honor the American and Marianas people who gave their lives during the Marianas Campaign of WWII. During each session children will be guided through *The Unbreakable Code* by Sara Hoagland and have the opportunity to participate in fun and educational activities.


Pre-registration is not required. To participate, meet at the American Memorial Park Visitor Center on the date and time of the session you would like to attend.

For more information on events at American Memorial Park, contact lead ranger Brooke Nevitt at 234-7207 x 2020 or via email at: [brooke\\_nevitt@nps.gov](mailto:brooke_nevitt@nps.gov). (PR)



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS

CUC-IFB-18-030

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF PRESTRESSED CONCRETE POWER POLES

(FEMA Water System Mitigation Project)

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified vendors for the Supply and Delivery of Prestressed Concrete Power Poles for Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project is funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from FEMA.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of **\$100.00** for one IFB package set.

**One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies** of the bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-IFB-18-030, Supply & Delivery of Prestressed Concrete Power Poles"* to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on September 7, 2018**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. All responses to this Invitation for Bids should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the bidder, awarded a contract.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from FEMA and the CUC, Board of Directors.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 23, 2018** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email [address-manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:address-manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Adrian Reyes, CUC Power Division, Jr. Engineer via email [address-adrian.reyes@cucgov.org](mailto:address-adrian.reyes@cucgov.org), Yvonne Cabrera, CUC Water Division, Jr. Engineer via email [address-yvonne.cabrera@cucgov.org](mailto:address-yvonne.cabrera@cucgov.org) and Christie Sablan, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant via email address - [christie.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:christie.sablan@cucgov.org).


CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO

Executive Director


MANNY B. SABLAN

Purchasing Administrator



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CUC-RFP-18-019

Supply and Services for Installation & Commissioning of

2 X 8-13 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced entities to supply, install, integrate and commission (including without limitation all design, engineering, supervision, installation, testing, commissioning, training and handover) of (2) two complete new engine systems. Proposers must note that replacement of Engine No. 8 is the base proposal while the replacement of Engine No. 4 is an additive proposal. Each replacement Diesel Generating Plant shall be within a capacity range of 8 - 13 MW which must be supplied, installed, tested, and commissioned as an integrated system at CUC Power Plant No. 1, Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The solicitation seeks proposals from a legally recognized business entity authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, which has as one or more of its equity owners (principals) a qualified ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER (OEM), from which CUC intends to contract with to purchase one, and perhaps two, fully installed and commissioned turn-key engine systems that best fit CUC's power supply requirements. The Proposer must be authorized as OEM's agent to bind OEM to contractual terms including issuance of OEM's equipment warranty and certifying the installation of the works anticipated under this RFP meet OEM specifications, the Proposal, and meet or exceed all warranty requirements.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$500.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on **July 18, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to the Power Plant facility will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

**One (1) original and five (5) hard copies**, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFP-18-019 - Supply and Services for Installation & Commissioning of 2 X 8-13 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than August 23, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A *Proposal Guarantee* equal to fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposed price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Discussions may be conducted with responsible Proposers who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing Proposers.

All Proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility for any act of omission on the part of the Proposer due in whole or in part to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under any anticipated contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Proposers are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable

Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including without limitation any and all excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page:

<https://marianaslabor.net/>. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

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# Opinion

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### EDITORIAL

## Trump's hard-hearted immigration policies are a stain on the nation

It's been six weeks since a federal judge ordered the Trump administration to fix the crisis it created when it separated more than 2,500 children from their parents under a heartless policy designed to deter desperate families from entering the U.S. illegally. But the job of reunification still isn't done, in part because the government failed to devise a system to track the separated families. Some 400 parents reportedly have already been deported without their children, and the government apparently has no idea how to reach them. It's a colossal snafu that is as appalling as it is inexplicable. Among the many inhumane immigration enforcement policies adopted in the first two years of the Trump reign, history may well regard this bit of idiocy as the worst.

Or perhaps not; the competition hasn't closed yet. In fact, the Pentagon is working on plans, at Trump's direction, to house 20,000 detained immigrants — including children this time — in secured areas of military bases while they await deportation proceedings. Yes, the Obama administration did something similar when it tried to deal with the inflow of unaccompanied minors from Central America. It was a bad idea then, and it's a bad idea now; kids don't belong in prisons on military bases. Under a court order, the government cannot hold minors for more than 20 days before releasing them to the custody of their parents, other relatives or vetted guardians.

When it comes to immigration, there has been such a flood of bad policies and ham-handed enforcement acts since Trump took office that it can be hard to keep it all straight.

First there was the ban on travel of people from mostly Muslim countries and then the effort to eliminate protections for so-called "Dreamers" who have been living in the country illegally since arriving as children. Hard-line Atty. Gen. Jeff Sessions has inserted himself in the immigration court system and overridden previous decisions over who qualifies for asylum; not surprisingly, the number of people granted protection has dropped as a result. President Trump also has throttled the flow of refugees resettled here; last year, for the first time since the passage of the 1980 U.S. Refugee Act, the United States resettled fewer refugees than the rest of the world, a significant step away from what had been an area of global leadership. (Over the last 40 years, the U.S. has been responsible for 75 percent of the world's permanently resettled refugees.)

Then there's this: The White House is reportedly drafting a plan that would allow immigration officials to deny citizenship, green cards and residency visas to immigrants if they or family members have used certain government programs, such as food stamps, the Earned Income Tax Credit or Obamacare.

And this: The now largely abandoned "zero tolerance" policy of filing misdemeanor criminal charges against people crossing the border illegally led to a surge of cases in federal court districts along the southwest border as non-immigration criminal prosecutions plummeted, according to an analysis by the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse. In fact, non-immigration prosecutions fell from 1,093 (1 in 7 prosecutions) in March to 703 (1 in 17 prosecutions) in June, suggesting that serious crimes are

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## Trump's trust-free White House

With the news that former celebrity White House staffer Omarosa Manigault-Newman apparently taped Donald Trump during his presidency, anti-Trump Republican campaign professional Liz Mair wants to know why people close to Trump keep taping him.

I suspect she knows the answer, but it's actually worth going over some of the obvious reasons as they show what is different about this president and why it matters.

The most obvious one is that Trump can't be counted on to tell the truth, so people tape him to protect themselves. That's also why his lawyers say they meet with him in pairs.

But I suspect a large part of it is that Trump keeps people around him who just aren't very trustworthy people — and because of the way he treats them, they also aren't very loyal.

Is anyone really surprised, for example, that Omarosa is betraying Trump and using her brief White House stint to enrich herself at his expense? Or, for that matter, that Trump lawyer Michael Cohen is looking out for himself at this point? It's not just them; consider the tawdry spectacle of the Paul Manafort trial, in which Rick Gates has turned against Manafort and both of them are painting each other as cheap crooks. We don't know what Gates has told prosecutors about Trump, and as far as we know Manafort has stayed silent so far, and of course it's possible neither of them has anything on Trump — but it's hard to believe at this point that either would stay quiet out of loyalty.

In part, Trump hired untrustworthy people because many Republican campaign and governing professionals refused to work for him, and he wanted nothing to do with some who had opposed him during the election but were now willing to join his administration. But Trump also simply has ... well, either bad judgment in who he can rely on, or he actively prefers people who are likely to betray each other and him.

And the other element is that Trump just doesn't seem to in-

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spire loyalty in those close to him, at least outside of his family. It's hardly unusual for people in politics to be out for themselves at some level, but there are plenty of examples in past administrations of people who were highly dedicated to the president to the point that they were willing to sacrifice their own interests. Even Richard Nixon's White House, which was eventually plagued by crooks racing to the prosecutors to cut the best deal, still had plenty of people who truly believed in Nixon and were loyal to him for a long time, even to the bitter end.

That simply doesn't seem to be the case with this president. Instead, he's surrounded by people who appear to be constantly leaking highly embarrassing stories about him to the news media. Yes, it's happened with other presidents, but never at anything close to this rate or with so many things that seem to have no point except to make the president look bad. And, no, it's not because of partisan media bias; this is almost certainly something generated by Trump himself, and the relationships he builds — or fails to build — among those who work for and with him.

At any rate: This certainly seems like a durable pattern. So expect more White House staffers and others close to the president to betray him in one way or another. And perhaps the man in the Oval Office might want to think about what he's doing to spark this kind of behavior.



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## Tinian Peace Ceremony and 2 poems

**T**he Municipality of Tinian and Aguihan held a peace ceremony in the D. Ikeda, M. Gandhi, M.L. King Peace Garden in San Jose Village last Thursday.

It honored the Japanese who lost their lives in Nagasaki, the 73rd anniversary of it, and Hiroshima three days earlier. Tinian Mayor Joey Patrick San Nicolas, who had just returned from Hiroshima where he attended remembrance ceremonies read words from the mayor of Hiroshima and a poem called “I Come and Stand At Every Door” by Nazim Hikmet. It is about a 7 year old girl who died in the Hiroshima bombing. Japan consul Kinji Shinoda gave up to date statistics about how deaths related to the bombings from radiation sickness continue and called for a grass roots movement for Tinian, Hiroshima, and Nagasaki to lead a worldwide movement to end nuclear warfare.

Rep. Edwin P. Aldan (R-Tinian) made remarks about the historic bombings and nuclear war. These three laid wreaths of remembrance for those who passed away due to the atomic bombs dropped on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. I wrote two poems for the occasion and read them at the peace ceremony. The poems were inspired by writing of Daisaku Ikeda.

### GOODNESS IN ONE’S SELF AND OTHERS

“The key to the flowering of humanity of which Buddhism speaks is steadfast belief in people’s goodness and dedication to cultivating this goodness in one’s self and others.”—*Daisaku Ikeda, born 1928.*

These wise words by Ikeda, Daisaku  
may remind us of the frog jumping in the water  
the frog jumps into the water in a famous haiku  
bringing reality to father, mother, son, and daughter

The frog is gone but ripples from his dive remain  
ever widening across the water of the old pond  
like goodness in others Dr. Ikeda tries to explain  
ripples grow respect for humanity like a magic wand

We saw the frog sitting and then it quickly jumped in  
we heard the splash and in an instant the frog was gone  
belief in others goodness is a sure place we can begin  
dedication to growing it in self and others begins at dawn

A peaceful way we can diminish wars and insanity

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taking a back seat to misdemeanor border crossing.

Meanwhile, a Government Accountability Office report this week questions how U.S. Customs and Border Patrol set priorities in planning where to build Trump’s border wall, and said the agency failed to account for wide variations in terrain in estimating the cost — which means that extending the existing border walls and fences another 722 miles could cost more than the administration’s \$18-billion estimate. And while the president crows that the wall will secure the border, it won’t, experts say. People will still find a way around, over or under it. And most drug smuggling already comes hidden in motor vehicles passing through monitored ports of entry. At best, Trump’s wall — if Congress is insane enough to approve funding — would be little more than a symbol of his arrogance, and of this country’s determination to seal itself off from the world.

Trump’s immigration policy has been characterized by unnecessary detention and inadequate monitoring that has allowed for abuses at detention centers — including sexual assaults and forced medication of children. The immigration court system is now overwhelmed by a backlog of 733,000 cases.

In short, it’s been a disaster. And through all of these fiascoes, there have been zero serious efforts in Congress or by the president for comprehensive reform of a system everyone acknowledges is broken.

cultivating the flowering of goodness in humanity.

### BONDS OF TRUST AND FRIENDSHIP

“In the end, peace will not be realized by politicians signing treaties. True and lasting peace will only be realized by forging life-to-life ‘bonds of trust and friendship’ among the world’s people. Human solidarity is built by opening our hearts to each other. This is the power of dialogue.”—*D. Ikeda*

In dialogue we talk frequently of bonds of trust  
and their connection with bonds of friendship  
in any relationship both are an absolute must  
for lasting peace as we go through life’s trip

We must find among all peoples around the world  
a respect for and absolute need for human solidarity  
regardless language spoken or under what flag unfurled  
respect sought for and worked towards with absolute clarity

It begins with Ikeda’s “opening our hearts to each other”

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Death by suffocation

You might have missed the news this past June, July, then August (yes, just this last Friday) of this year. Each month marked a new case of polio in Papua New Guinea. Polio: The greatest epidemic in history ever to strike North America. Tens of thousands of adults but mostly children died from the virus. Thousands of children had their legs amputated then re-oriented and re-attached so they might walk again. Or leg braces were custom-made to enable them to walk like Forest Gump in the movie *Forest Gump*. And thousands of kids ended up in iron lungs—a quickly thrown together, huge apparatus designed to help a child breathe that often ended up being their coffin. The iron lung was a large diameter piece of steel pipe sealed at one end. Inside was a flat surface, a bed, that could be extended out of the lung for a child to be loaded on, returned inside, and the head was surrounded with a rubber membrane. This allows the large, blacksmith-sized bellows beneath to force air into and out of the chamber, thus forcing the child’s lungs to inhale and exhale. You see...

Polio is a virus, poliomyelitis, that attacks the neurons that cause each muscle cell to contract and return to normal length. With the neuron dead, the muscle cannot function. Children were the most vulnerable because their immune systems were in the developmental stages and less able to fight this virus. The toll was the loss of muscle control in 90 percent of the body. No muscle control in the lungs, no breathing; no muscle control in the throat, no swallowing or the child would choke...and the child would die. With 90 percent of the legs muscles inoperable, walking was nearly or completely impossible and often would result in the twisting and deforming of the legs thus the need for amputation and re-attachment. If you were to visit Louisville, Kentucky, you can find the polio hospital in the southeast section of the city—the old, wealthy area. It’s a beautiful stone complex on a former horse breeding and racing farm. When built many, many years ago, they left the former stables all in a row and those stables became the workshops for people building custom leg braces, modified shoes, and such. The amputations in the hospital were innumerable.

Why should you care? If you or your children haven’t been immunized, get immunized. It’s an oral vaccine. Protect yourselves. But we have another problem—tourism. I can only guess that there are many people who come here both bearing new diseases (man, I hope our health department is on top of things—too much to ask?) and vulnerable to polio because they have not been vaccinated. Papua New Guinea will have provided it population with almost a million vaccine dosages in the past two months—do you think they were prepared? Nope. So, you and I should be aware of how the virus spreads so quickly—hotels. That’s right: Hotels (and on the mainland, motels). If you travel to the

### LITERARY NOOK

By JOEY PEPE “BATBON” CONNOLLY

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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not with a focus on self like in Hamlet’s monologue but a focus on every man, woman, sister, and brother that my friends is Ikeda’s “power of dialogue”

Ikeda’s 2018 peace proposal is “Toward an Era of Human Rights-Building a People’s Movement” with your recognition of and respect for the dignity of others on a daily basis you will make improvement Domo arigato gozaimasu yan si Yu’us ma’ase’.

mainland or have been there in the past, you may have noticed in some hotels and motels the presence of paper bands around the toilet seats and lids in each room. They usually say something like “Sanitized for your protection” (not “Cleaned...”). For the longest time, hotels and motels simple concerned themselves with making a room look clean. Because they didn’t sanitize the toilet seat, the flush valve, the facet knobs, light switch, or interior knob of the bathroom door, the virus spread like wildfire. From someone’s poop to your grave. And, please—I don’t want to hear from HNAMI that they sanitize their bathrooms—I know that they don’t. Their housekeeping people are efficient but not effective. The test would be to place the virus at the locations mentioned, have housecleaning “clean” the room, then bring in a non-vaccinated manager at the highest level of the management team to wipe each of these surfaces then we’ll all wait...

So, there are two steps needing to be taken to protect people on our islands: Every resident needs to be vaccinated and every lodging operation, big and small, needs to train their staff on how to sanitize the bathrooms used by their guests.






Why would I bother writing about this virus? Because I’m a survivor of polio but am dying from polio’s effects. I contracted the disease in a hotel on Catalina Island, California, in 1954 and when a few weeks later was diagnosed, all of our family’s friends stayed away—they knew how deadly the disease was but didn’t know how to avoid it except to stay away—we couldn’t blame them. I was given a spinal tap, the spinal fluid being to verify the presence of the polio virus and was immediately taken to hospital...sorta. I lived in an agricultural community on the coast of southern California. Farmers, when the hospital was being built, didn’t see the sense of tearing down a perfectly good, small, three-bedroom farmhouse and left it—in the middle of a huge parking lot. It was used to store and repair all things related to maintaining the hospital grounds. But when the virus struck, it became housing for the polio victims. This became my home for some time, followed by four years of therapy to painfully learn how to re-learn to walk, swallow, breathe, and such. In 1954, Dr. Salk visited our “home” and, in tears, apologized for not having brought his vaccine into the public arena in time to protect each of us. Here was a man driven to find a cure, deeply compassionate, extremely bright, willing to expend himself to help others, especially the children. Because we now know what can be done to avoid this horrific virus, we would be worse than “stupid” not to take the steps I mentioned earlier. Please, make sure all in your family, extended family, and friends are inoculated. Thanks.

Gary Liddle  
San Jose, Saipan

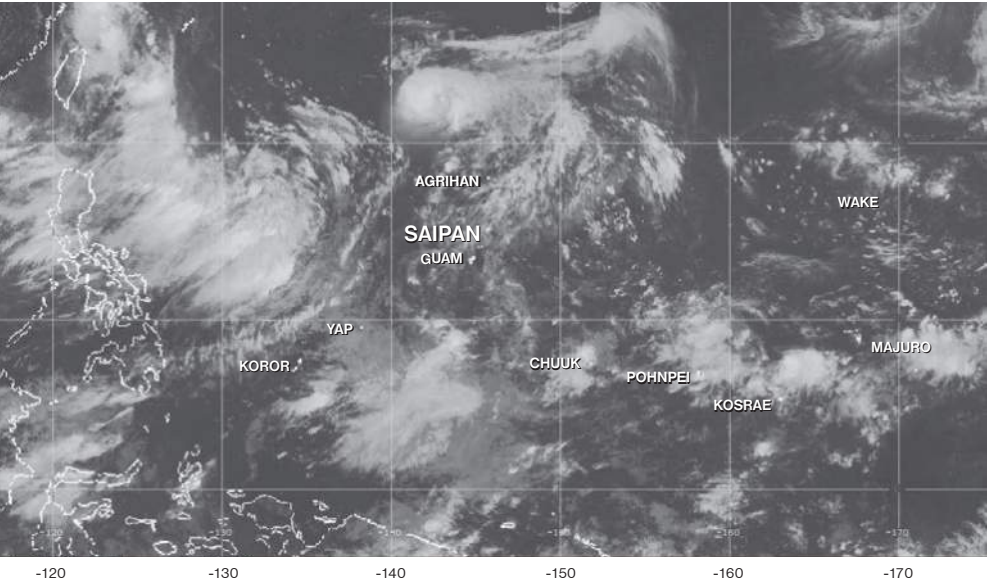


# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds becoming northeast around 10 mph in the afternoon.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
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## YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



### PICTURE TIME: 1:08 PM, SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2018

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

No changes were made to the forecast. Did update winds with new model data, but nothing else. This morning a surface trough stretches across the Marianas near Rota. Light southwest winds were present south of the trough and south winds north of the trough. The light winds will persist through tonight. Thunderstorms did develop near the trough axis this morning over the coastal waters. Expect more isolated thunderstorms to develop over the area through the day. The expected light winds in combination with daytime heating may result in brief afternoon thunderstorms over some of the islands.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

MICRONESIA			▲▼°F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorm	84° / 78°	
Palau	Thunderstorm	82° / 78°	
Yap	Thunderstorm	84° / 78°	
Chuuk	Thunderstorm	86° / 80°	
Pohnpei	Thunderstorm	86° / 77°	
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	86° / 77°	
Majuro	Mostly Sunny	85° / 80°	

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲▼°F
Auckland	Rain	57° / 50°	
Beijing	Thunderstorm	86° / 72°	
Hong Kong	Thunderstorm	90° / 82°	
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	88° / 77°	
London	Showers	75° / 59°	
Los Angeles	Sunny	84° / 68°	
Manila	Thunderstorm	82° / 77°	
Melbourne	Showers	63° / 50°	
Miami	Thunderstorm	87° / 80°	
New York	Partly Cloudy	83° / 73°	
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	93° / 81°	
Paris	Showers	81° / 61°	
Busan	Thunderstorm	90° / 81°	
Rome	Sunny	91° / 72°	
Salem	Thunderstorm	88° / 70°	
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	63° / 52°	
Seoul	Thunderstorm	90° / 79°	
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	90° / 79°	
Washington, DC	Thunderstorm	83° / 71°	



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TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
2:59 AM	LOW TIDE	0.86	
8:13 AM	HIGH TIDE	2.10	
3:19 PM	LOW TIDE	-0.40	
9:53 PM	HIGH TIDE	2.06	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:01 AM	6:41 PM
Tuesday	6:02 AM	6:41 PM
Wednesday	6:02 AM	6:40 PM
Thursday	6:02 AM	6:40 PM
Friday	6:02 AM	6:39 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	7:35 AM	8:21 PM	-
Tuesday	8:35 AM	9:08 PM	-
Wednesday	9:32 AM	9:52 PM	-
Thursday	10:26 AM	10:35 PM	-
Friday	11:19 AM	11:18 PM	-

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7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
TW308	2:00am	6:05am	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
LJ652	3:40am	7:30am	1, 4, 5, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	5:40am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)			
JD396	7:30am	12:00pm	1
JD396	4:50pm	10:00pm	4

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ626/701	2:10am	10:55am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:55am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	8:10am	7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:40pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6398/193	6:05pm	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
HX077	1:50am	5:15am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
U043	5:45am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7
UA6398/159	6:05pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS			
GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA117	7:00am	7:45am	Daily
BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3452	9:00pm	2:10am+1	4
7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
TW307	7:45pm	1:00am+1	Daily
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
LJ651	9:10pm	2:40am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
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HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN			
JD395	8:25am	3:30pm	4
JD395	9:55pm	5:00am+1	7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
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OZ702/625	12:25pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/6395	10:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
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HX076	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7
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U042	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6
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SAIPAN TO ROTA			
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The journey to a successful school year for children obviously comes from a good start at home. While dad is at work to provide for the family, moms are on deck when it comes to making sure a child stay motivated, confident, and encouraged before he or she walks out the door to go to school.

For Elena Gersonde of San Vicente, she tried to keep her boys Javon, 11, and Ryusei, 6, maintain their footing during the summer break is by having them take up informal language and art lessons at home, in time with their schedule in school.

"The only difference was the kids did not have homework...well...almost no homework. Our youngest had work given to him in Russian and Japanese, which he only did once a week. Our oldest had to read some French classic literature and learn some of the European arts because we went to visit our grandparents in Paris and his father took him to the Louvre," she said.

"I encourage my children to read during [summer] break and we let them pick the books... Talk to your kids about school in a positive context, like, 'You're going to meet your old friends and maybe some new friends,'

# When your child goes off to school



Elena Gersonde poses with her children, Javon, 11, and Ryusei, 6.

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'What will you tell them about your summer trip?,' 'Do you want to show them pictures?,' 'Look how tall and handsome you've become, they will be surprised' and, most importantly, listen to your kids. If they are afraid to go to school, ask them why? When our children talk about their fears, it allows us to get rid of them," she added.

Carolyn Soberano of San Jose is always emotional when seeing her 7<sup>th</sup> grader Ashton Chanalag go off to a new school year. "I truly want the best for them. This is a life lesson that I want my son to have and keep—if you finish your studies, life will be better for him and his family," she said.

"Although Ashton had a great summer vacation with family and friends, my son is very excited to go back to school so I use that excitement to get him going and prepare for school. I talk to him that he has to be ready to meet new teachers and since he is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade he has to be serious in listening in class and being a good student," she added.

Nothing beats being diligent about school updates, according to April Sablan, a senior admin tech at Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

"First thing I did was to check the Seventh Day Adventist School website to see when classes would start and what are the school supplies needed for my kids who will be in grade level 2 and, together, we shopped for school supplies."

"I trained them to go back to their sleep routine during the school and I gave them limited hours to play their gadgets," she added.

Sablan also told her children to review and organize their school materials.

Maria Flor Lanoy of San Jose welcomes the new school year by reminding her son that this year will be different. "I remind him that he is already in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, a higher grade than last year, so expectations will be different because his learning level in the next grade will be higher, lessons will be different, classmates will be different but I assure him that there is no need to worry," she said.

"I constantly encourage my son to study hard and be a good boy in and out of school. His school supplies are ready and they have all been labeled with his name so we are ready for the opening of the school year," she added.

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April Sablan poses with her two boys during a family costume party.



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# What makes kids excited about going BACK TO SCHOOL?

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It is that time of the year again when students are recharged and eager to go back to school. School may yet be one of the best parts of a child's life, an extension of their comfort, a place they can be themselves and, in a way, an everyday adventure. The first day of school is usually the hardest because of the new routine but it is easily overcome by expecting best things that are to come.



"I am excited about meeting a lot of new people, teachers and the new subjects I am set to get this year because I know I will learn new things."

—**Alexis Garon, 10<sup>th</sup> grade student at Marianas High School**

"The thought of seeing my friends again makes me excited because it is a lot of fun when I do activities with them. We usually go to the library, walk around in different places, and go swimming."

—**Danielle Nicole Sacramento, 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Green Meadows School**



"I am excited about learning because I want to be smarter and I am also excited to see my new teacher."

—**Eliza Mae Yumul, 2<sup>nd</sup> grader at William S. Reyes Elementary School**

"I will be in 4<sup>th</sup> grade when I go back to school and I am excited to learn new math equations, social studies, and science."

—**Angelo Pineda Yumul, 4<sup>th</sup> grader at William S. Reyes Elementary School**



"I am excited about doing school projects again like in science and math."

—**Jermaine Gison, 6<sup>th</sup> grader at San Antonio Elementary School**

"I cannot wait to see my friends so we can play again. I am also excited about learning and writing."

—**Christian David Lucero, 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Koblerville Elementary School**



"I'm excited to see my friends and walking home with them. My favorite subject is science."

—**Nathan Tolosa, 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Koblerville Elementary School**



"I want to go back to school because I love math. Sometimes in math I score 100."

—**Natalie Rae B. Dagos, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at Eucon International College elementary school**

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# Get your child ready for the new school year

It's crunch time. At the start of every school year, everyone—and that's all parents, school principals, and teachers—are busy grooming every child to get ready for school. They all work together to make the new school year an enjoyable, fulfilling and successful year for the child.

Parents have a lot on their plate and these tips from Saipan schools principals and teachers hope to ease the burden and give children a smooth transition back to school.

According to Sara Forti, a



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Sara Forti of Brilliant Star Montessori Saipan.

lower elementary teacher at Brilliant Star Montessori Saipan, parents should prepare children for school a few days before school actually starts.

"This is especially true for young kids. Put it on the calendar when school starts, so they know what to expect when the day comes and school begins... When young children know what to expect, and what is expected of them, they are able to be more successful. Simple [preparations] go a long way



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Amanda Allen Dunn of Saipan Community School.

and [children] feel good about their new schedule," she said.

"Include children in school shopping so they can be a part of the experience and get excited to use new materials in class. Teachers can also start getting together with students who will be in the classroom with them so they have someone they feel comfortable with throughout the long days," she added.

Saipan Community School principal Amanda Allen Dunn said that getting the child familiar with a new daily routine is a start of a good habit.

"Set a routine of waking up at same time... Many students have spent much of the summer gaming and on tech devices such as tablets and phones... It's best to start limiting the time on these devices to help wean them before school starts," she said.

"Make sure to eat a good breakfast each morning before school and pack healthy

snacks for them to eat and keep energized for the start of school. Get them a good water bottle they can use all year, and express the importance of being responsible



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Cherlyn Cabrera of Marianas High School.

for that water bottle and use it often to stay hydrated," she added.

Marianas High School principal Cherlyn B. Cabrera encourages parents who have children who go to MHS to keep informed of school updates.

"Visit our school website, [www.marianashighschool.com](http://www.marianashighschool.com). We have lots of helpful information for logistics such as the school calendar, bell schedules, student meetings, contests, scholarship information, and much more. This is updated every school day and parents can stay informed with real-time information.

## » Tips from school principals and teachers to parents

To see your child's grade in real-time, sign up and visit our Plus Portal, <https://www.plus-portals.com/marianashighschool>. Once parents have access, they can see real-time updates in grades as they are entered in the teacher's grade book," she said.

"Be an active part of our school community as parents are welcome to volunteer, attend PTA [parents teachers



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Susan Book of Isla Montessori.

association] meetings, watch our numerous student performances, watch our sports games, attend our recognition events, and much more. Build and strengthen your relationship with your child because even though they are physically grown, they still need their parents' guidance, wisdom, and encouragement. Kind words and a caring tone of voice means

a lot to your children, especially teens," she added.

Isla Montessori School elementary teacher Susan Book understands that the first day of a new school year can be full of emotions for a child and parents. "Often there is a combination of excitement and nervousness. The best way to set both parents and child up for success is to prepare ahead.

"Giving your child a visual of where they will be dropped off, where they will be spending their days, and meeting their teacher helps them to find comfort before the first day. During this visit, make sure you practice how you will say goodbye to your child and show them where they will be picked up because knowing what to expect eliminates fear and nervousness.



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Rizalina Liwanag of Hopwood Middle School.

"Talking about the new schedule by creating a calendar and schedule at your child's level helps them to take ownership of time management... Make sure you are not allowing children time on iPads, phones, or in front of the television before school. Even better, no television during the school week because this allows them to focus and be successful learners. In my family we have a rule: no screen time until you build something, read a book for 20 minutes, do a chore, or play outside, and during the week only a documentary or educational show," she added.

Dr. Rizalina Liwanag, school principal at Adm. Herbert G. Hopwood Middle School, said that parents should make sure that the child is registered in the school that they will attend. At Hopwood, it is very important that parents visit the registrar's office before Aug. 15, 2018, to make sure that the child is enrolled. Par-

ents have to make sure that their children have Hopwood school uniforms... students need to bring and wear their I.D.'s so they can access the cafeteria and library.

"Our students have free breakfast and free lunch so



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San Crawford, academic librarian and acting director of Library Programs and Services at the Northern Marianas College.

all students can eat at the cafeteria for free without pulling out any money. We encourage every student to eat breakfast and lunch at the school cafeteria," she said.

Hopwood Middle School vice principal Victorino Borja highlighted the importance of having basic school supplies. "We have a list for the school year: composition notebooks, pens and pencils, a pair of scissors, a pack of crayons, glue stick, pocket folders and an extra shirt for PE."

Sam Crawford, academic librarian and acting director of Library Programs and Services at the Northern Marianas College, said that having a conversation between the parent and the child is vital. "Have conversations with your child about both the previous and the upcoming school year: What did they enjoy doing or learning about most? Why? What was difficult or challenging for them at school last year? What changes do they want to make in order to make school a better, more rewarding experience for them? What are they looking forward to this year?"

"If the student is preparing to graduate from high school soon, are they considering college/university? Trade or vocational school? Armed services? Workforce? Get to know your children and try to support who they are as well as their interests in as many ways as possible," he added.

Crawford also encourages parents to read with their children. "Read to them, or have them read to you and let them see you reading. You have the natural power to inspire and engage your children through tactile, off-screen reading materials," he said.

"Visit libraries often, let your children explore and read the books of their choosing... The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, for one, has a really cool MotherRead/FatherRead program," he added.

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# 'Financial challenges no barrier to college'

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A lack of funds should not dampen the spirits of highly motivated high school graduates to seek the course they want to pursue and live their dream of postsecondary education.

for tuition, books, and other college expenses," he said.

"...We do work closely with students on a one-on-one basis to assess their financial situation and extend assistance where we can. For example, for some students who may find it challenging to pay for tuition, we offer

by companies like the Tan Siu Lin Foundation, First Hawaiian Bank, and other organizations," he added.

Throughout the school year, NMC does outreach events. "For instance, every six months NMC hosts a Cash for College event that helps students fill forms for the FAFSA, CNMI Scholarship, SHEFA, and other financial aid programs. Thousands of students have attended Cash for College over the years and have

been able to obtain much needed financial assistance from various scholarship programs," Eliptico said.

"There are also many 'work/study' opportunities for students at NMC. These 'work/study' positions allow students to gain valuable work experience while earning some income," he added.

Overall, there is no reason not to get into college in the Marianas. "There is an abundance of local and na-

## » Broad availability of financial programs at NMC

tional scholarship resources that students can tap to help them pay for their college education. In addition to the [financial aid program, there are] loan programs, private grant and scholarship programs, and some international opportunities as well," Eliptico said.

"The abundance of avail-

able financial aid goes a long way in helping students earn their college degrees and to alleviate financial difficulty," he added.

Other companies that extend financial assistance are Express Financial located at Chalan Monsignor Guerrero with contact number (670) 235-6032 and Bank of Saipan with branches in Garapan with contact number (670) 235-30-90 and Chalan Kanoa with contact number (670) 235-6260.



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Frankie Eliptico, Northern Marianas College vice president for Administration and Advancement.

As the only public tertiary school in the CNMI, the Northern Marianas College sees to it that financial capacity is not a prerequisite for a student to begin studying at the college. Frankie Eliptico, vice president for Administration and Advancement, said the Northern Marianas College is committed to providing each CNMI student access

a tuition payment plan," he added.

Eliptico said there is a broad availability of financial programs for NMC students. "There are several financial aid programs that students can access, depending on their eligibility. These include the Federal Financial Aid program that uses the FAFSA form. Locally, there is the CNMI Scholarship, the Saipan

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to high quality educational programs, regardless of a student's financial need.

"Our Financial Aid Office works with students to identify grant and scholarship opportunities to help them pay

Higher Education Financial Aid program, and municipal scholarships provided by the Rota and Tinian municipal governments," he said.

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This week, the long days of summer end for all of you, and another school year begins. We hope that the break each of you had from the classroom was productive and enjoyable.

For some of you, it was spent playing with your friends or helping around the house. Others may have taken time to take vacations off-island and experience new things which would be used for stories to tell each other during the first day of school. While others may have used it as time to enlighten themselves further either by studying or working to make some cash for yourself.

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## Want smarter kids who sleep through the night? Feed them fish, a new study says

By HOWARD COHEN  
MIAMI HERALD

A new University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing study found that children who ate fish regularly scored nearly five points higher on a standard IQ test that measures cognitive function in children. The kids who favored fish over traditionally kid-friendly items like, say, chicken fingers and fries, also slept better and had fewer sleep interruptions.

The study of 541 boys and girls in China, ages 9 to 11, who completed a questionnaire about how often they consumed fish in the past month, was published Dec. 21 in Scientific Reports.

The results found that those who said they ate fish once a week scored 4.8 points higher on the Wechsler Intelligence Scale IQ test than those who seldom or never included fish in their diets.

"This area of research is not well-developed. It's emerging," said Jianghong Liu, the lead author on the paper and an associate professor of nursing and public health, told the school's Penn News. "Here we look at omega-3s coming from our food instead of from supplements."

Even these children who ate fish only occasionally benefited with better verbal and non-verbal skills and scored an average of 3.3 IQ points higher than those who turned their noses up at fish. The link between omega-3 fatty acids that are found in fish — but not all kinds of fish — and better brain function has been found in many studies over the years.

That's good news in South Florida, which certainly doesn't lack for fish options.

However, Sheah Rarback, a registered dietitian on the faculty of the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, questions the Pennsylvania study's conclusions. She said the study of these kids who kept a food diary and took an IQ test should not be considered

cause and effect—as in an eat-fish-and-you'll-be-smarter certainty.

"You have to be careful to say 'eating fish will cause better intelligence.' It's an association. There could be other things factoring in there so it's not cause and effect," Rarback said.

"That said, fish is a good, nutritious, lean protein for kids and adults," Rarback said. "They are probably zeroing in on the omega-3 fatty acids. There are fish that have higher amounts and, of these, is a fish kids love—tuna. Tuna is a great source of lean protein."

The study's results didn't surprise Rarback, though. "This is not surprising because omega-3 fatty acids are concentrated in the brain and play a role in brain neurological function. So I would say this is an interesting study. But it's association, not cause and effect."

Other fish that are high in the beneficial omega-3 fatty acids are salmon and sardines. Since most kids like tuna, that's an easy dish to serve in sandwiches, salads or by itself. Salmon burgers could also be a healthy and enticing option for kids.

"Fish oils are also very good anti-inflammatories and so many root causes of disease are inflammation. So you can't lose by eating more fish. But what I say is important, particularly with kids with developing brains, is to go for lower mercury fish," Rarback cautions.

Mercury, a metallic element found in the air and released by coal-fired power plants and other industries, can build up in the human body over years and cause neurological problems, including memory loss and personality disorders, according to the Food and Drug Administration. The FDA warns that children, pregnant women and women who plan to become pregnant are at the greatest risk because mercury can damage the nervous system of a developing child.

Fish highest in mercury are large predators like largemouth bass and sharks, since they ingest all the mercury from the fish they consume.



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# Business

## Turkey's president: US waging economic war against Turkey

**ISTANBUL** (AP)—Turkey's president on Saturday blamed the country's economic downturn on the United States and other nations that he claims are waging "war" against his country.

Speaking in the northeastern province of Rize, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said that dollars, euros and gold were now "the bullets, cannonballs and missiles of the economic war being waged against our country."

Erdogan promised supporters that Turkey was taking the necessary precautions to protect its economy but added "the most important thing is breaking the hands firing these weapons."

Turkey was hit by a financial shockwave this week as its currency nosedived over concerns about the government's economic policies and a trade dispute with the United States.

The lira tumbled 14 percent Friday, to 6.51 per dollar, a massive move for a currency that will make Turkish residents poorer and further erode international investors' confidence in the country. The currency drop is particularly painful for Turkey because it finances a lot of its economic

growth with foreign money.

The currency's drop—41 percent so far this year—is a gauge of fear over a country coming to terms with years of high debt, international concern over Erdogan's push to amass power, and a souring in relations with allies like the U.S.

In an opinion piece published in The New York Times on Friday, Erdogan criticized the tensions with the U.S., saying a "failure to reverse this trend of unilateralism and disrespect will require us to start looking for new friends and allies."

Among the issues, Turkey has arrested an American pastor and put him on trial for espionage and terror-related charges linked to a failed coup attempt in the country two years ago. The pastor has proclaimed his innocence.

The U.S. responded by slapping sanctions on Turkey and threatening more. The sides held talks in Washington this week but failed to resolve the spat.

President Donald Trump on Friday tweeted that he had authorized the doubling of steel and aluminum tariffs on Turkey. He said the tariffs on aluminum imports would be increased to 20 percent and

those on steel to 50 percent as the Turkish lira "slides rapidly downward against our very strong Dollar!"

"Our relations with Turkey are not good at this time!" he wrote.

The United States is the biggest destination for Turkish steel exports, with 11 percent of the Turkish export volume. The lira fell further after Trump's tweet.

Turkey later said Erdogan had held a phone call with Russian President Vladimir Putin to discuss economic ties. It did not disclose details, but the move suggests Turkey might gravitate further from its NATO allies toward cooperation with Russia, whose relations with the West are at their lowest point since the Cold War.

Turkey's woes have been aggravated by investor worries about the economic policies of Erdogan, who won a new term in office in June with sweeping new powers.

Erdogan has been putting pressure on Turkey's central bank to not raise interest rates in order to keep fueling economic growth. He claims higher rates lead to higher inflation—the opposite of what standard economic theory says.

as well as on a long list of goods from China.

Rob Dietz, chief economist for the National Association of Home Builders, said typically the price of labor, interest rates and the availability of land are the main variables determining the cost of new home construction, with the price of materials and local fees also having an effect.

"Now, lumber and labor are the top two," he said.

The U.S. imports about one-third of its softwood lumber, mostly from Canada. Among other things, it's used to build the wood framing for new houses.

California Building Industry Association President Dan Dunmoyer said contractors tell him that the tariffs alone could add \$8,000 to \$10,000 to the lumber costs for a typical single-family home and about the same amount for steel products such as nails, other fasteners and wire mesh.

Tariffs also are boosting the cost of appliances, drywall and solar panels, which will be required on all new homes in California starting in two years.

## Wildfire victims among those stung by Trump's trade war

**SANTA ROSA, Calif.** (AP)—Add this to the challenges facing California wildfire victims: Tariffs.

The import tariffs imposed by President Donald Trump are adding thousands of dollars to the cost of building homes. That especially squeezes homeowners who seek to rebuild quickly after losing their houses to natural disasters, such as the wildfires scorching parts of California.

The Trump administration's tariffs have raised the cost of imported lumber, drywall, nails and other key construction materials. One building association official said the tariffs could raise the price of a typical new home in California by up to \$20,000, and it could be more for individual homes being custom-built on short order.

That could be enough to keep some people with inadequate homeowners insurance from rebuilding or force them to consider a smaller house.

Other factors also are making home construction more expensive, including a shortage of workers and increased demand that has pushed up the

price of materials produced in the U.S. The difference with the tariff-related cost increase: It's a direct result of a governmental policy change.

"This comes at a bad time if you've just had your neighborhood swept up in a firestorm," said Jock O'Connell, an international trade adviser at Beacon Economics in California.

Wildfires have destroyed thousands of homes in California over the past two years, including 1,200 so far this year.

It's not just wildfire victims in the West who have to deal with higher construction costs. Last year, Hurricane Harvey flooded 300,000 structures in Texas.

Trump has imposed the import tariffs on a range of goods as a way to strike back at trading partners he says have not treated the U.S. fairly. His move has set off a trade war, with other nations raising tariffs on U.S. goods in retaliation.

Tariffs now are just over 20 percent on imported Canadian lumber and 25 percent on steel imported from certain nations

# Nation

## Airplane theft shows potential dangers from airline workers

**OLYMPIA, Wash.** (AP)—

The theft of an empty plane by an airline worker who performed dangerous loops before crashing into a remote island in Puget Sound illustrated what aviation experts have long known: One of the biggest potential perils for commercial air travel is airline or airport employees causing mayhem.

"The greatest threat we have to aviation is the insider threat," said Erroll Southers, a former FBI agent and transportation security expert. "Here we have an employee who was vetted to the level to have access to the aircraft and had a skill set proficient enough to take off with that plane."

Video showed the Horizon Air Q400, a turboprop plane that seats 76 people, doing large loops and other dangerous maneuvers as the sun set on Puget Sound. The flight lasted about 75 minutes, and ended when he crashed into the small island after being chased by military jets. The two F-15C aircraft scrambled from Portland didn't fire the plane, authorities said.

Southers said the man could have caused mass destruction.

"If he had the skill set to do loops with a plane like this, he certainly had the capacity



AP

The site on Ketron Island in Washington state where an empty Horizon Air turboprop plane crashed Friday after it was stolen from Sea-Tac International Airport is seen from the air, Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018, near Steilacoom, Wash.

to fly it into a building and kill people on the ground," he said.

A U.S. official briefed on the matter told The Associated Press the man was Richard Russell. The official wasn't authorized to discuss the matter and spoke on the condition of anonymity. He is presumed to have died in the crash.

Officials said he was a 3.5-year Horizon employee and had clearance to be among aircraft, but that to their knowledge, he wasn't a licensed pilot. He took the empty plane from a maintenance area.

It's unclear how Russell attained the skills to do loops in the aircraft, authorities said.

Ground service agents direct aircraft for takeoff and gate approach and de-ice planes, as well as handle baggage.

Gary Beck, CEO of Horizon Air, said it wasn't clear how the man knew to start the engine, which requires a series of switches and levers.

At a news conference, officials from Alaska Airlines and Horizon Air said that they are working with authorities.

"Last night's event is going to push us to learn what we can from this tragedy so that we can ensure this does not happen again at Alaska Air Group or at any other airline," said Brad Tilden, CEO of Alaska Airlines.



### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Lawmakers: Migrant teen tent city to stay open another month

**TORNILLO, Texas** (AP)—Texas lawmakers say they have been told a temporary tent shelter in far West Texas for immigrant minors will stay open another month. State Reps. Ina Minjarez and Diego Bernal of San Antonio told the San Antonio Express-News that they toured the Tornillo facility Friday. About 170 teen boys are being housed in tents at Tornillo. The U.S. government opened the facility in June because its existing shelters were at capacity. More than 2,000 children were put in government shelters after being separated from their parents under the Trump administration's zero-tolerance policy. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services spokesman Brian Marriott said Saturday that an existing contract for the facility that was due to expire Aug. 13 has been extended by 30 days.

#### Man charged over loaded gun in 4-year-old son's backpack

**EDWARDSVILLE, Ill.** (AP)—An Illinois man is charged with reckless conduct after authorities say his 4-year-old son found a gun in a backpack his father had brought to him at day care. The Belleville News-Democrat reports that authorities say 32-year-old Joshua Finley of Maryville packed a "nap time bag" that also contained sheets and blankets, then brought it to a day care in Glen Carbon on July

2. The child opened the bag a few minutes later and found the gun. The day care told parents the child immediately took the gun to a teacher, and police were called. It's unclear why the gun was put into the backpack. Finley could not be reached for comment Saturday. Jail officials said he was not in custody and a listed phone number had been disconnected. Prosecutors didn't respond to messages seeking comment.

#### Manslaughter charge in fatal beating of wallet thief

**NEW ORLEANS** (AP)—A man has been beaten to death in New Orleans after stealing another man's wallet, and the wallet's owner now faces a manslaughter charge. The New Orleans Advocate reports that 31-year Simon Morris was arrested in the death of a man identified only as Edwin. Police said Edwin approached Morris and asked him for a dollar outside a gas station Friday morning, but then snatched the wallet from Morris's back pocket. Morris chased and caught Edwin. Police said Edwin was severely beaten and kicked for at least five minutes despite efforts by others to intervene. Edwin died later at a hospital. A manslaughter conviction can result in no prison time or up to 40 years. Records indicate Morris remained jailed Saturday. No information was immediately available on his attorney.



## Asia

# Lombok lifted 10 inches by quake that killed nearly 400

**TANJUNG, Indonesia** (AP)—Scientists say the powerful Indonesian earthquake that killed nearly 400 people lifted the island it struck by as much as 25 centimeters (10 inches).

The National Disaster Mitigation Agency said on Saturday that 387 people died, jumping from the 321 it reported the previous day, as search and rescue teams continued to sift through the rubble and people already buried by relatives are accounted for.

Using satellite images of Lombok from the days following the Aug. 5 quake, scientists from NASA and the California Institute of Technology's joint rapid imaging project made a ground deformation map and measured changes in the island's surface.

In the northwest of the island near the epicenter, the rupturing faultline lifted the earth by a quarter of a meter. In other places it dropped by 5-15 centimeters (2-6 inches).

NASA said satellite observations can help authorities respond to earthquakes and other natural or manmade disasters.

Almost 390,000 people, about 10 percent of Lombok's population, are homeless or displaced after the earthquake, which damaged and destroyed about 68,000 homes.



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A Muslim woman walks past a mosque collapsed during Sunday's earthquake in Gangga, Lombok Island, Indonesia, Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018.

Disaster agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho said three districts in the north of Lombok still haven't received any assistance. The governor of West Nusa Tenggara province, which includes Lombok, has extended the official emergency period by two weeks to Aug. 25.

"It's estimated the death toll will continue to grow because there are still victims who are suspected of being buried by landslides and collapsed buildings and there are deaths that have not been recorded," Nugroho said.

The number of evacuees fluctuates, he said, because not all evacuee points have been counted and some people tend to their gardens and properties during the

day and return to the tent camps at night. Some people don't need to evacuate because their homes aren't damaged but have come to refugee centers because they feel traumatized.

Nearly a week since the 7.0 quake, Lombok is still reeling but glimmers of normality were returning for some and devout villagers are making plans for temporary replacements of mosques that were flattened.

In Tanjung, one of the worst affected districts in the hard-hit north of the island, a food market opened Saturday and locals bought vegetables and fish. Some shops also opened for business despite being in damaged buildings.

## Tens of thousands rally for removal of US base off Okinawa

**TOKYO** (AP)—Tens of thousands of protesters in Okinawa vowed to stop the planned relocation of a U.S. military base, saying they want it off the southern Japanese island entirely.

Opponents of the relocation say the plan to move U.S. Marine Corps Air Station Futenma from a crowded neighborhood to a less populated coastal site would not only be an environmental debacle but also ignore local wishes to remove the base.

About 70,000 people gathered Saturday at a park in the state capital of Naha under pouring rain ahead of an approaching typhoon and observed a moment of silence for Okinawa's governor, Takeshi Onaga, who died Wednesday of cancer.

Onaga, elected in 2014, had spearheaded opposition to the relocation and criticized the central government for ignoring the voices of Okinawans. He had filed lawsuits against the central government and said he planned to revoke a

landfill permit issued by his predecessor that is needed for construction of the new base.

Deputy Gov. Kiichiro Jihana, representing Onaga at Saturday's rally, said he will follow through with the revocation process as instructed by the governor and succeed his "strong determination and passion."

Okinawans are trying to block the government plan to start dumping soil into Henoko Bay within days to make a landfill for the new site of the Futenma base. Environmental groups say construction at the bay risks corals and endangered dugongs.

The protesters held up signs saying "Henoko new base, NO!" and "Okinawans will not give up," as they chanted slogans. They also adopted a resolution demanding the central government to immediately scrap the relocation plan.

Japan's government says the current plan is the only solution, but many Okinawans want the base off the island. About half of the 50,000 American troops in Japan are

stationed on Okinawa.

Onaga had said Tokyo's postwar defense posture under the Japan-U.S. security alliance was built on Okinawa's sacrifice.

The dispute over the Futenma relocation reflects centuries-old tensions between Okinawa and the Japanese mainland, which annexed the islands, formerly the independent kingdom of the Ryukus, in 1878. Okinawa was Japan's only home battleground in the final days of World War II, and the island remained under U.S. rule for 20 years longer than the rest of Japan.

Okinawa is still forced to sacrifice for the interest of the mainland, Onaga's son Takeharu, an Okinawa assemblyman, told the rally.

"The (relocation issue) is pushed to Okinawa because nobody on the mainland wants it," he said, urging the rest of the country to also think about the issue. "Let us keep fighting so we can achieve my father's unfinished goal and give him good news."

## World

# Congo's Ebola outbreak taking place in war zone

**BENI, Congo** (AP)—In a new reminder of the dangers in containing an Ebola outbreak in a war zone, suspected rebels killed seven people overnight in northeastern Congo and sent residents fleeing, an official said Saturday.

Global health officials have warned that combating this virus outbreak is complicated by multiple armed groups in the mineral-rich region and a restless population that includes 1 million displaced people and scores of refugees leaving for nearby Uganda every week.

The insecurity means health workers might have to change a vaccination strategy that proved successful in Congo's previous Ebola outbreak, the World Health Organization's emergency preparedness chief Dr. Peter Salama said Saturday.

The so-called "ring vaccination" approach of first vaccinating health workers, contacts of Ebola victims and their contacts might have to give way to the approach of vaccinating everyone in a certain geographic area such as a village or neighborhood. That would require a larger number of vaccine doses.

Vaccinations began Wednesday in the current outbreak, which was declared on Aug. 1 and has killed 11 people in the densely populated region. WHO has said more than 3,000 Ebola vaccine

doses are available in Congo.

While Congo's previous Ebola outbreak, declared over barely a week before the current one began, set off alarm by spreading to a city of more than 1 million on the other side of the country, the current outbreak comes with the threat of armed attack.

The overnight assault that killed seven people in Mayi-Moya, about 40 kilometers (24 miles) from Beni city, was likely carried out by rebels with the Allied Democratic Forces, the administrator of Beni territory, Donat Kibwana, told The Associated Press. The rebels have killed more than 1,500 people in and around Beni in less than two years.

The rebels sent the local population fleeing, Kibwana said. Beni residents already had been shaken by the discovery on Tuesday of 14 bodies of civilians who had been seized by suspected ADF rebels.

The latest attack occurred as the WHO director-general, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, was visiting the area to see the response to the Ebola outbreak, which is being carried out in some cases under armed escort.

"The active conflict in the area is a barrier to control Ebola," Tedros said in a Twitter post Saturday night. "I call on all warring parties to provide secure access to all responders serving affected populations & saving lives."

United Nations peacekeepers, Congolese police and at times Congolese troops have been traveling with convoys of health workers as they fan out to contain the outbreak. Hospitals are guarded by Congolese police and military police.

"This will be a highly complex operation because it is occurring in an area that has been embroiled in armed conflict for 20 years," said Hanna Leskinen, a spokeswoman for the International Committee of the Red Cross. "People are regularly moving as waves of violence force new communities to flee. This makes tracing infected cases much harder." Health care workers may be forced to flee as well, she said.

Parts of North Kivu province, where most of the Ebola cases have been reported, have been inaccessible to aid groups because of the fighting, Leskinen said.

"It is critical that the disease is contained before it spreads to areas where there is more active fighting or it will be incredibly challenging to reach those in need (and) ensure safe vaccination campaigns," she said. That includes keeping the vaccines at the optimal temperature of minus 70 degrees Celsius (minus 158 degrees Fahrenheit), a challenge in a region with hot temperatures and unreliable power supplies.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Manchester police say 10 people hospitalized after shooting

**LONDON** (AP)—Police in Manchester say 10 people have been hospitalized as the result of a shooting after a Caribbean carnival in the city. Greater Manchester police say the injuries range from "minor to major" but most don't appear to be life-threatening. The shooting was reported about 2:30 a.m. Sunday. Detective Superintendent Debbie Dooley says police are trying to establish "exactly where this incident took place and who is responsible for such a dangerous attack." She says extra officers will be on patrol to ease the concerns of residents. The shooting comes amid a spike in gun and knife crime in Britain that has sparked calls for government action in a country where firearms are strictly controlled.

#### Toll from Greek seaside resort wildfire rises to 94

**ATHENS, Greece** (AP)—Greek health officials say the death toll from the July 23 fire at the seaside resort of Mati, near Athens, has risen to 94 after a 57-year-old woman in intensive care died of her injuries. The Ministry of Health announced that the woman, who died Saturday morning, is the 11th person to have died in the hospital from injuries sustained in the fire. The

ministry says 31 other fire victims are still hospitalized; eight of them are still in intensive care, including five who are on life support. Greece's fire service confirmed the number of Mati wildfire dead at 94, adding that among them "are two unidentifiable remains, with available DNA, that have not been sought by relatives."

#### British charity says heat wave put flamingoes in the mood

**LONDON** (AP)—A British conservation charity says record-breaking temperatures have encouraged a rare flock of Andean flamingos to lay eggs for the first time since 2003. The Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust says six of the exotic birds laid nine eggs, all of which were infertile. The charity's reserve in Gloucestershire in southwest England then gave the Andean flamingos eggs from near relatives, Chilean flamingos, to look after. Mark Roberts, the aviculture manager at the Slimbridge reserve, says "with the Andeans in full parenting mode, we gave them Chilean chicks to bring up as their own. It's great motivation and enriching for the birds." The Andeans are some of the oldest animals at the trust's Slimbridge reserve. Some arrived in the 1960s as adults. The birds are long-lived and can breed into old age.



# Life & Style

## Alyssa Milano, Debby Ryan talk 'Insatiable' and fat shaming



Alyssa Milano arrives at the LA Premiere of "Insatiable" at the ArcLight Hollywood on Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018, in Los Angeles.

**NEW YORK (AP)**—After the trailer was released for the new Netflix series “Insatiable,” some on social media voiced concern: Was the dark comedy fat shaming?

The show, which drops Friday, follows the return to high school of a girl named Patty, who loses a lot of weight after years of bullying. Having lost the weight, she’s out for revenge.

Debby Ryan and co-star Alyssa Milano agreed that while the subject matter was difficult, “Insatiable” serves a purpose in stirring conversation. Twitter’s response is evidence of that.

“It was hurtful that people thought that we were doing it just as a joke,” Ryan, 24, told The Associated Press in

a recent interview. “And confirmed how important it was for us to ...”

“Do it,” Milano said, finishing the thought.

Ultimately, Milano said, the series is a classic tale of growing up.

“I think it is a coming-of-age story not only for Debby’s character Patty, but all of the characters in the show,” said Milano, who plays a driven, conniving housewife with a heart. “And I think it is a satirical look at what happens at the point in life when you have accepted your own truth and your truth has empowered you to then move past it and what you have to do to move past it.”

As for the social media controversy, Milano, 45, said

she’s “of the school that it is much better to talk about these things and at its best, entertainment should be a conversation

starter.” As the show progresses, the Twitterverse “will have more to probably shame us about and be upset about.”

### In wake of critical book, Trump calls Omarosa ‘a lowlife’



In this April 27, 2017, file photo, Omarosa Manigault appears at the Women’s Power Luncheon of the 2017 National Action Network convention, in New York.

**BRIDGEWATER, N.J. (AP)**—President Donald Trump has one word to describe former White House staffer and fellow reality-TV star Omarosa Manigault Newman: “Lowlife.”

Manigault Newman claims in an upcoming book, “Unhinged,” that Trump used racial slurs on the set of his reality show “The Apprentice.” She also says she later concluded that he is a racist and a bigot.

On Saturday, reporters asked Trump during an event at his golf club in New Jersey if he felt betrayed by Manigault Newman. He responded: “Lowlife. She’s a lowlife.”

Manigault Newman was a contestant on Trump’s “The

Apprentice” reality show and later served as a senior adviser to the president. In the book, she paints Trump as scattered, self-absorbed, misogynistic and insecure.

The book is set for release Tuesday. The White House has already slammed it as “riddled with lies and false accusations.”

The Associated Press purchased a copy of the book ahead of its release. In the book, Manigault Newman claims without evidence that tapes exist of Trump using the N-word repeatedly on the reality show’s set. She acknowledges she had never been able to obtain or hear the tapes but said three unnamed sources had described their contents.

### Justin Timberlake book coming in October

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Justin Timberlake is looking back.

The actor and Grammy-winning singer has a book out this fall, Harper Design announced Friday. “Hindsight & All the Things I Can’t See in Front of Me” will feature images from his personal archives and “anecdotes, reflections and observations.” The book comes out October 30. It was co-written with Sandra Bark and designed by

Michael Bierut. Timberlake said in a statement the book would highlight some of the “important people and places” behind his career. He also said the book would include tributes to his wife, actress Jessica Biel, and 3-year-old son Silas.

According to Harper, Timberlake will touch upon everything from his years with ‘N Sync to his skits on “Saturday Night Live.”

### Trial delayed as rapper Juelz Santana negotiates for deal

**NEWARK, N.J. (AP)**—Rapper Juelz Santana’s scheduled trial on charges he tried to get a gun onto a plane at an airport has been pushed back so he can continue negotiations for a plea deal.

A trial had been scheduled for early September. But an order filed this month extended the trial date at least until Sept. 30 “to permit defense counsel the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation in this matter and to allow the parties to enter into plea negotiations.”

Santana, whose real name is LaRon James, was arrested in March. Authorities said New-

ark Liberty International Airport security found a loaded .38-caliber handgun and unprescribed oxycodone pills in a carry-on bag containing his identification. Santana left the area, leaving two bags behind, and turned himself in three days later.

A Transportation Security Administration spokeswoman said at the time that agents noticed the firearm in the bag passing through an X-ray at a security checkpoint.

Santana pleaded not guilty to charges of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and carrying a weapon on an aircraft.

### Girlfriend questions texting from boyfriend’s worried mom

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been dating “James” for almost a year. Things have been rough for him recently. His depression has led to school attendance issues, but we got through it.

The problem is James’ mother. She’s well meaning, and she has always been incredibly sweet to me, but she has started texting and questioning me about how I am doing, regarding her son and the “trials” he brings to our relationship (or her perception of them). I appreciate her concern, but it makes me very uncomfortable.

Perhaps she asks out of concern for me, but it seems like she’s trying to speak on his behalf or defend him somehow, which makes me feel awful. How can I explain to her that something which is meant to be as simple as “Are you doing OK?” is hurting me?

TWISTED UP

**DEAR TWISTED UP:** If James’ depression is severe enough that it is interfering with his education, his mother has a right to be concerned. She may be trying to assess its severity by reaching out to you. On the other hand, “How are you doing?” can be classified as an innocent question.

Because you are uncomfortable with the way these conversations are going, respond that you are fine and ask her how SHE is doing. You do not have to engage in conversations with anyone who makes you uncomfortable, and if

someone ventures into sensitive territory, you have every right to say you prefer not to discuss it and change the subject. If she wants information about her son, the person she should be asking is him.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My husband is still working, although he will retire in a few years. We have been in our home since 1987. It is comfortable, but it’s too big for us and too much work now. Our grandkids live four hours away, and we are thinking about moving near them. My son’s in-laws have already relocated from New York.

I am having terrible anxiety about leaving my home and our large lot, which is covered with beautiful trees in all seasons. We have looked at “over-55” communities, and the yards are small and treeless. I love my trees—especially the magnolia my husband and sons planted many years ago. I also adore seeing all the birds and wildlife.

How do other relocators handle the move? I know I should focus on the positive aspects, such as getting rid of our clutter and being near the grands, but I’m having trouble with this. Help, please.

GETTING READY IN GEORGIA

**DEAR GETTING READY:** I’m glad you wrote now, because you have lots of time to plan the move you are considering. If what you will miss the most about your home

### DEAR ABBY

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is the trees, perhaps the over-55 communities in the area to which you are relocating are not for you. Take some time, talk with a real estate agent and explore what smaller homes might be right for you. However, if an over-55 community is a must, perhaps you can find one that’s near a park where you can go and enjoy the trees and wildlife.

As to the memories you will leave behind, you will always have them to look back on, and you will be creating new ones every day.

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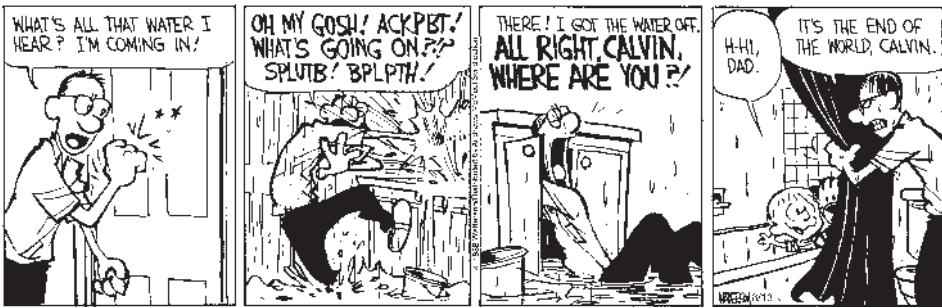
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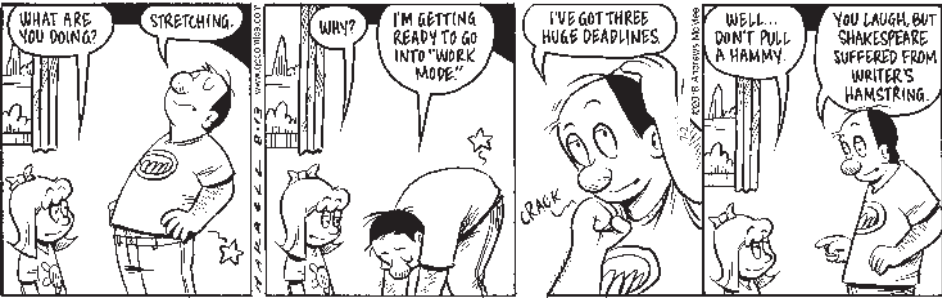
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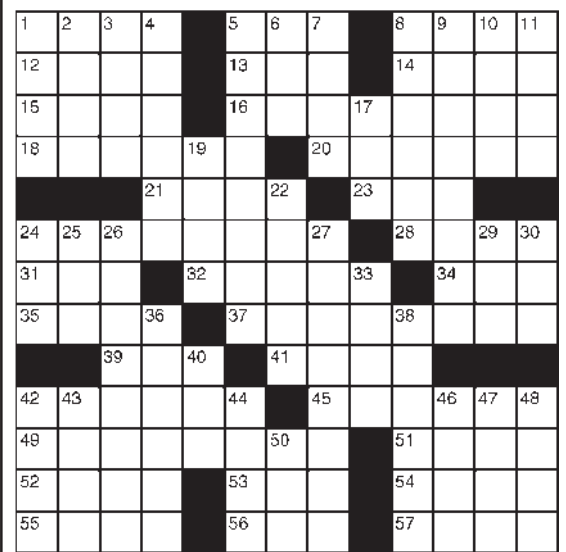
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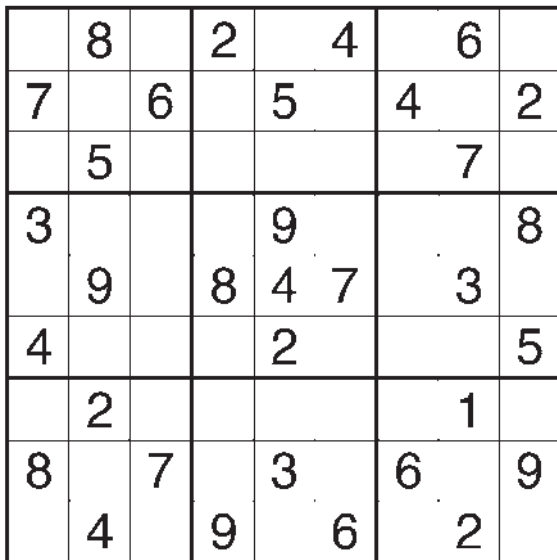
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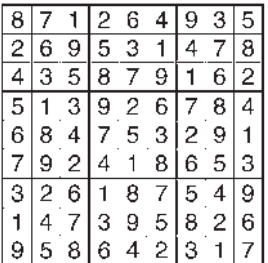
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# Koepka moves in front; Woods back in contention



ST. LOUIS (AP)—In their ultimate show of their bro togetherness, Brooks

Koepka and Dustin Johnson hit the gym before nearly every round when they're in the same golf tournaments.

That includes majors, and Koepka and Johnson had the good fortune of being able to hit the weights Saturday morning instead of grinding through holes left over from the PGA Championship's rain-delayed second round at Bellerive Country Club.

In a fine mood after he'd scored four-under-par 66 and seized a two-shot lead after the third round, Koepka recalled the scene from hours earlier.

"Today I was in there with Dustin and everybody wanted a picture with Dustin," Koepka said. "They were talking about him as we left, and I was just standing there laughing.

"They were, like, did you see the No. 1 player in the world was here? I don't know what to say to that."

Here's a comeback: How many majors has he won?

Koepka has yet to take hold in the average sports fan's consciousness, but that seems destined to change if he prevails Sunday to win a third major—to Johnson's one—in a little more than a year.

It would be plain ignorant to brush aside the 28-year-old from Florida joining Gene Sarazen, Ben Hogan, Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods as the only players to win a U.S. Open and PGA Championship in the same year.

Koepka, who has only one non-major victory on the PGA Tour, already reached rare territory in June when he became only the third player since World War II to capture back-to-back U.S. Opens.

Intense and hardly flashy, Koepka has simply become one of the game's most complete players, and his confidence is soaring. He has found



AP  
Tiger Woods watches a shot on the 15th hole during the third round of the PGA Championship golf tournament at Bellerive Country Club, Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018, in St. Louis.

Still, Koepka only needed to look at the struggles of his third-round playing partner, Woodland, to know that fortunes can change quickly.

Woodland, who reached a PGA record 10-under through two rounds, had been extremely comfortable on Bellerive. But he suffered two bad lapses in scoring a one-over 71.

He dunked his approach shot in the water at the par-four second hole. And in a bizarre circumstance at the par-four 10th, Woodland made a triple bogey when he blasted a bunker shot over the green. He skulled his next shot back into the same bunker, which had not been raked. From a bad lie in footprint, he barely escaped and eventually made 7.

It should be remembered that, at 34, Woodland has yet to win a major, or even contend very often.

Koepka is a becoming a major beast. In his last 16 starts in the big four, he has two wins and four other top-six finishes.

"I can really tune in the majors," Koepka said. "I have no idea why. They really get my attention."

Now he just needs to get the fans' attention

Bellerive to his liking, and overpowered the course in getting to a 12-under total that put him two shots clear of Adam Scott (65) and three ahead of Jon Rahm (66), Rickie Fowler (69), and Gary Woodland (71).

To win this one, Koepka will have to stave off one of the most star-studded groups of contenders in recent major history.

Among the six players tied at eight under, five have won majors, including perhaps the hungriest man of all, Tiger Woods, who has inserted himself into the final-round mix for a second straight major.

Woods vaulted up the leaderboard with a pair of 66s by playing 29 holes Saturday—11 from the rain-delayed second

round and the entire third round.

"I'm just focused on me," Koepka said. "It feels like, if I do what I'm supposed to do, I should win the golf tournament. Yeah, there's a lot of star power, and there should be—it's a major championship. You should see the best players in the world come to the top. And that's what's going to make this event very exciting to watch."

Koepka had a chance Saturday to be Mr. Buzzkill, briefly forging a five-shot lead. But then he killed his own buzz by suffering bogeys off wayward drives at 14 and 15. That was the first time he had faltered since suffering a double bogey on his sixth hole in the first round.

He recovered well — indicative of how he has managed Bellerive. Koepka missed the green on the par-three 16th, but made a lengthy putt to save par. And he once again hammered two shots to reach the green in two on the par-five 17th, where he two-putted for birdie.

In a show of his all-around strengths, Koepka is second in the field in driving distance and eighth in strokes gained putting. The soft Bellerive fairways have given Koepka the confidence to use driver on most holes without the fear of his ball running through to the rough.

"I like the way I'm hitting the ball," Koepka said. "I'm

putting much better, and my short game's on point this week. So when all those add up, I could see why I played so well."

## LeBron to make Lakers debut at Portland



LOS ANGELES

(AP)—LeBron James will make his Los Angeles Lakers debut at Portland on Oct. 18 and play before home fans for the first time two days later.

The Lakers will host Houston on Oct. 20 at Staples Center.

The NBA released its complete regular season schedule Friday, and the Lakers will play on national TV 35 times.

For the 20th straight year, the Lakers will play on Christmas Day, traveling to face the defending champion Golden State Warriors.

The Lakers' longest road trip of the season is a five-game, 12-day stretch from Feb. 1-12 when the Grammy Awards return to Staples Center.

They'll play 13 back-to-back sets, and two don't require any travel.

James will make his one and only visit to Cleveland on Nov. 21 when the Los Angeles Lakers play the Cavaliers in the four-time MVP's

home state.

The regular season tips off Oct. 16 with Philadelphia visiting Boston and Oklahoma City at Golden State. The season concludes April 10.

Defending champion Golden State will play Houston for the first time since their Western Conference final went seven games on Nov. 15, while Toronto visits San Antonio on Jan. 3 in the first game between the teams since their big deal swapping DeMar DeRozan for Kawhi Leonard.

Utah and Orlando will play in Mexico City on Dec. 15, while the New York Knicks and Washington Wizards will play the NBA's ninth regular-season game in London on Jan. 17.

The league is starting the season earlier in its push to limit the number of back-to-back games with teams averaging just 13.3 back-to-backs, a drop of 31 percent from 2014-15 when the average was 19.3 per team. No team will play four games in five days for a second straight season and for the first time ever no team will play eight games in a 12-day span.

## Mickelson misses out on automatic Ryder Cup berth

ST. LOUIS—American Phil Mickelson will have to rely on a captain's pick for next month's Ryder Cup after missing the cut at the PGA Championship on Saturday.

Mickelson had qualified automatically for the U.S. team stretching back to his debut in 1995, making 11 consecutive appearances in the biennial event.

The top eight on a points list after the PGA Championship on Sunday will make the team automatically, while captain Jim Furyk will select four others.

Five-times major champion Mickelson arrived at the PGA

Championship 10th in the standings, and did not even come close to making the half-way cut, shooting four-over-par 144 to miss out by four strokes at Bellerive.

Though he has not been in good form recently, the 48-year-old will probably still be picked by Furyk, who has a few more weeks to ponder his choices.

Less likely to make the team is ninth-ranked Bryson DeChambeau, who missed a four-foot putt at his final hole on Saturday to miss the cut by one stroke.



Twelfth-ranked Matt Kuchar also missed the cut, but 11th-ranked Xander Schauffele and 15th-ranked Kevin Kisner advanced.

Eighth-ranked Webb Simpson, the vulnerable man in the qualifying hot seat, also advanced, so has a chance to take care of his own fate over the final two rounds.

But if he does not have a high finish, Simpson could be overtaken by Schauffele or Kisner.

Schauffele, equal 19th after two rounds, can pass Simpson with a finish of fourth or better.

Kisner looms a big danger

too. In second place after 36 holes, he will automatically make the team with a first or second placing on Sunday, and perhaps even with a third.

Six of the top eight Americans in the standings made the cut on Saturday, with only fourth-placed Patrick Reed and fifth-placed Bubba Watson bowing out.

However, they are already locked in to make the team.

Seventh-placed Rickie Fowler is not yet a mathematical certainty but as he is only two shots from the lead before starting the third round, he is expected to pick up enough points to hold on to his spot.



# Giants retire Bonds' jersey in emotional ceremony



**SAN FRANCISCO**  
(AP)—Likely

for the last time and almost 11 years after playing his final game, Barry Bonds ran out to left field in his No. 25 uniform shirt after being announced as if he were still in San Francisco's lineup.

Bonds had his number retired by the Giants during a long ceremony Saturday night before playing his other team, the Pittsburgh Pirates -- also 11 years to the month from when he broke Hank Aaron's home run record in his 22nd and final major league season. Still beloved and cheered in the Bay Area he cherishes as home, Bonds finished his career under the cloud of steroids allegations that made him a villain most everywhere else.

"I am overwhelmed with emotions as the reality of this day sets in," Bonds said. "This may come as a surprise to a lot of people but as a child I didn't even want to play baseball. I wanted to play all sports—basketball, football, ride my bike, all the things that kids do. But once my mom signed me up ... I got my first taste of what would be my lifelong passion."

Surrounded by former teammates and managers, Hall of Famers and his family, an overjoyed Bonds had no words as he mentally prepared for his number retirement ceremony. Much like his days chasing the home run record.

"Shhhh," the slugger said smiling, then a few minutes later repeated three times, "I have to focus."

Bonds became the 10th Gi-



AP  
Former San Francisco Giants player Barry Bonds waves during a ceremony to retire his jersey number before a baseball game between the Giants and the Pittsburgh Pirates in San Francisco, Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018.

ants player in franchise history to have his number retired. He finished with 762 career home runs.

In July 2015, Bonds said he had a huge "weight lifted" when federal prosecutors dropped what was left of their criminal case against him after a nearly decade-long steroids prosecution. Bonds needs to be on 75 percent of Hall of Fame ballots to be enshrined in Cooperstown. He was on 56.4 percent of Hall ballots this year, up from 53.8 percent last year. He had just 36.2 per-

cent in his initial appearance.

The seven-time NL MVP was greeted Saturday with a rousing ovation as fans chanted his name. The 54-year-old Bonds waved, clapped his hands and raised both arms to acknowledge the cheers as he made his big entrance from center field.

"Thank you San Francisco, thank you for making all my dreams come true," Bonds said in concluding a long, thoughtful speech thanking so many and remembering his late father, Bobby.

Giants great Willie Mays, Bonds' godfather, called for the slugger to reach the Hall of Fame.

"When people talk about 'Oh, who's the best ballplayer in the world?' I don't care," Mays said. "I played my 20 years, 22 years, whatever it might be. Give somebody honor that deserves to be in the Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame is a type of fraternity that, when you get there, you'll say, 'Man, how did I get here?' And I want him to have that honor be something that

happens to him."

"Vote this guy in!" Mays added.

Other Giants Hall of Famers Orlando Cepeda, Juan Marichal, Willie McCovey and Gaylord Perry also took part in the festivities.

Former managers Jim Leyland and Dusty Baker and current Giants skipper Bruce Bochy were on hand. So were Bonds' mother, Pat, and his three children.

"Without question he is the best player I ever managed in my 22 years as a major league

skipper," Leyland said. "Let all of us be thankful that we had the opportunity to see one of the greatest players that's ever lived for so many years."

The Pirates stood in their dugout and clapped during a ceremony that lasted more than an hour. First pitch was 16 minutes late. R&B singer Johnny Gill performed the national anthem in another surprise to Bonds.

Baker managed Bonds from 1993-2002. He recalled watching Bobby Bonds in Riverside, California.

**CHICAGO** (AP)—Ryan Zimmerman hit two home runs off a shaky Jon Lester and tied a career high with six RBI, sending the Washington Nationals over the Chicago Cubs 9-4 on Saturday.

Zimmerman hit a two-run homer in the first inning and a sacrifice fly to the warning track in the third. He chased Lester with a three-run drive in the fourth that made it 9-1. He is batting .355 (16 for 45) with four homers and 16 RBI in 14 games since returning from the disabled list last month.

Daniel Murphy also homered and had three hits, helping Tanner Roark (7-12) win his fourth straight start.

Lester (12-5) was tagged for eight earned runs and 10 hits in 3 2/3 innings. The left-hander is winless in his last five starts for the NL Central leaders, going 0-3 with a 10.32 ERA during that span.

Anthony Rizzo got his 1,000th career hit for the Cubs.

## Yankees 5, Rangers 3

In New York, Rain pouring off

## Zimmerman powers Nationals past Lester, Cubs

his hat, Aroldis Chapman struck out Jurickson Profar with the bases loaded in a steady storm, preserving the Yankees' win.

Rookie Miguel Andujar hit a tiebreaking two-run homer in the seventh inning, helping New York to its fifth victory in six games. Dellin Betances (3-3) got four outs for the win.

Chapman took over to begin the ninth and the Rangers tried to rally with a walk and a single. With home plate beginning to turn into a puddle, Chapman hit Adrian Beltre to load the bases with two outs.

## Red Sox 5, Orioles 0, Game 1

## Red Sox 6, Orioles 4, Game 2

In Baltimore, after letting his teammates do the heavy lifting in the first game of a doubleheader, J.D. Martinez carried the Boston Red Sox to victory in the nightcap.

Martinez hit two home runs, including a tiebreaking, two-run drive in the eighth inning,

and the Red Sox beat the Baltimore Orioles, 6-4, for a sweep of the split admission twinbill.

In the opener, David Price struck out 10 over six sparkling innings, Jackie Bradley Jr. hit a pair of solo homers and Boston cruised to a 5-0 daytime victory.

Martinez leads the majors with 37 homers, 104 RBI and 143 hits, but he did nothing to add to those numbers in the first game, going 0 for 4.

"The first game for me was rough, so I was in battle mode out there," Martinez said.

Martinez hit a solo shot in the fourth inning before connecting in the eighth off Mike Wright (3-1) to make it 5-3. It was his third multihomer game of the season, all against Baltimore.

"I really work hard at preparation," he said. "I look at the game as an exam, like a test."

## Rays 3, Blue Jays 1

In Toronto, Willy Adames had two hits and drove in the deci-

sive run, helping Tampa Bay to its seventh win in eight meetings with Toronto this season.

Diego Castillo (3-2) pitched 2 2/3 scoreless innings for the win. Sergio Romo worked a perfect ninth for his 15th save in 22 opportunities.

Aledmys Diaz homered for the Blue Jays, who have lost five of six.

Toronto's Sam Gaviglio (2-5) allowed two runs, one earned, and six hits in 5 1/3 innings. Gaviglio is winless in 14 starts since a May 25 victory at Philadelphia.

## Twins 4, Tigers 3

In Detroit, Tyler Austin hit a two-run homer in his Minnesota debut, helping the Twins to the win.

Austin was acquired in the July 30 trade that sent Lance Lynn to the Yankees. He was recalled from Triple-A Rochester on Friday.

Kyle Gibson (6-9) pitched seven effective innings as Minnesota improved to 2-4

on its seven-game trip.

Detroit lost for the seventh time in eight games. Francisco Liriano (3-7) allowed three runs and six hits in five innings.

## Pirates 4, Giants 0

In San Francisco, the Pittsburgh Pirates lead the major leagues with 13 shutouts. Trevor Williams was the starting pitcher in seven of them.

Manager Clint Hurdle doesn't think it's a coincidence, either.

Williams and two relievers combined on a six-hitter, and the Pirates blanked the San Francisco Giants.

"He sets the tone for things," Hurdle said. "When that fast-ball has the finish like it had tonight, that's when you're seeing the outings that you see him string together. He keeps everybody engaged."

## Athletics 7, Angels 0

In Anaheim, Ramon Laureano grabbed the spotlight, and

that was just fine with Edwin Jackson.

Laureano made an outstanding defensive play in the third inning, helping Jackson and the Oakland Athletics beat the Los Angeles Angels.

With one out and Eric Young Jr. on first, Laureano raced into the gap in left-center to haul in Justin Upton's drive. The rookie center fielder then completed the double play by uncorking a long throw to first.

## Rockies 3, Dodgers 2

In Denver, for an encore, Ryan McMahon delivered another powerful swing, one that was even more memorable than the first.

McMahon hit a three-run home run with two outs in the ninth inning—his second go-ahead homer in as many nights—and the Colorado Rockies beat the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"I thought last night was the greatest night of my life," McMahon said. "Shortly after, I found out this was. It was pretty cool."



# Nadal drops retirement hint, makes Rogers Cup finals

**TORONTO**—Rafael Nadal beat Karen Khachanov in the Rogers Cup semifinal and then dropped a hint regarding his tennis future.

Nadal won, 7-6, 6-4, and will now face Greek Stefanos Tsitsipas in Sunday's final in Toronto.

Nadal is 32 and will be taking on Tsitsipas on his 20th birthday as the Spaniard looks to add to his 32 Masters 1000 titles.

He won't find it easy though with Tsitsipas having knocked out four top ten players in Toronto.

"To win this match is important, it's very important to be in the final of Toronto," Nadal said. "I'm motivated every day when I wake up, there is always something to improve. I want to stay around for as long as possible (in tennis)."



Nadal is current world No 1 and became the first player to book his spot at the ATP World Tour Finals during the Rogers Cup.

He has qualified for the year-end championships every season since 2005, but has only actually competed nine times and reached just two finals, losing both.

It is perhaps the only major accolade that eludes the 17-time Grand Slam champion and even last year he arrived under an injury cloud and had to withdraw after his first match.

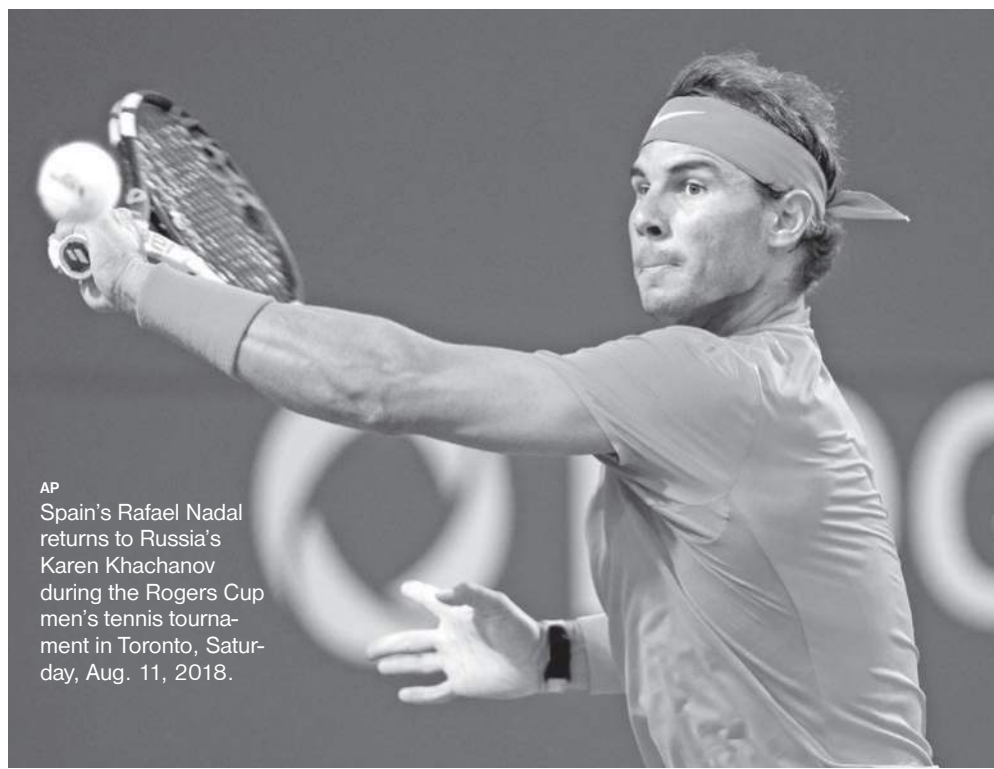
But first comes today's final in preparations for this year's US Open, which begins at the end of the month.

And he is set to face a confident Tsitsipas.

"It feels like I'm playing Davis Cup and everyone is backing me up and they're so supportive," Tsitsipas said.

"Four wins against top 10 players. I would never imagine that I could pull this out in a single tournament. I don't know if I got lucky with all those players, but somehow it happened that I played four top 10 and managed to beat them, which is a huge achievement for me and for my game this week," Tsitsipas said.

"It doesn't matter what the score. I'm always going to attack. I'm always going to go to the ball. My forehand is on fire at this moment. Hopefully it can remain like this tomorrow because it will be super important for me, the win tomorrow."



AP  
Spain's Rafael Nadal returns to Russia's Karen Khachanov during the Rogers Cup men's tennis tournament in Toronto, Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018.

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the weekend, as he raced in the 100m freestyle swim last Friday and the 50m freestyle yesterday.

The CNMI swimmer was on Heat 2 of the preliminaries in the 100m freestyle and clocked in at 57.73 seconds. The U.S.' Zachary Douglas Apple topped the qualifiers with his 48.03 seconds, but faltered on his medal bid, as Australia's Kyle Chalmers (48 seconds) and Jack Cartwright (48.22) took the gold and silver, respectively. Cartwright shared the runner-up honors with the U.S.' Caleb

Remi Dressel, while Brazil's Marcelo Chierighini (48.36 seconds) earned the bronze after finishing ahead of Apple (48.47 seconds).

In the 50m freestyle, Suzuki registered 26.58 seconds and beat Guam's Mark Imazu (27.99 seconds) and fellow CNMI swimmer Nelson Batallones (29.74 seconds). Michael Charles Andrew of the U.S. ruled the qualifier after logging 21.83 seconds on Heat 4 and was joined in the finals by Chierighini (22.34 seconds), Japan's Shinri Shioura (22.30), Katsumi Nakamura (22.21), Dressel (22.17), Canada's Yuri Kisil (22.68), Brazil's Pedro Spajari

(22.32), and New Zealand's (22.51). The gold medal race in the 50m freestyle took place last night, but results of the finals were unavailable as off press time.

Meanwhile, Batallones, before competing in the 50m freestyle yesterday, did the 200m butterfly last Friday and the 100m butterfly last Saturday. He touched the block at the 2:32.92 mark during the 200m butterfly race and then posted 1:08.95 in the shorter 100m butterfly. Japan's Daiya Seto (1:54.34) won the gold medal in the 200m butterfly (1:54.34), while Dressel reigned supreme in the 100m butterfly after setting

a new championship record (50.75 seconds).

Both Batallones and Suzuki were done with their events in the Pan Pacific meet and headed home last night with coach Jacoby Winkfield.

"It was a great experience. Witnessing world class swimming, having exposure to the world of being a swimmer, and knowing what it takes to swim at this level are just a few of the things the boys and I have experienced. We are thankful to the Japan Swimming Federation for the opportunity to grow as swimmers, coaches, and swimming federation," Winkfield told *Saipan Tribune*.

## DISABILITY

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held adaptive softball, Public School System Athletics director Nick Gross ran sitting volleyball, and NAPU Outrigger collaborated with Lady Diane Torres Foundation in conducting an outrigger canoe exercise and races. Northern Marianas Athletics also ran a couple of throwing and jumping events last Saturday.

According to organizers, roughly 60 members got involved in the first day of the event before swelling to close to 100 participants on the second day of the sportsfest.

"I think the fact the event is happening [is great]. The government recognized it and was able to free up some grants from the Office of Grants Management. We just want to make sure the disabled community has equal access and we cater to individuals with disabilities that there are equal opportunities," said Gross.

Gross hopes that this event would not be the last.

CNMI Scholarship Board member Geri Dela Cruz said she felt very proud to contribute to the first-ever disability



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A participant in the 2018 Disability Sports Festival does the spear throwing last Saturday at the Marianas High School grounds.

sportsfest by helping out in the outrigger event.

"We talked about different past sports we can adapt for

individual disabilities and outrigger is one sport. We knew we were going to team up with the Napu outrigger team," she said.

Judiciary chief marshal Jason Tarkong, who coaches the Napu Outrigger Canoe Club, also volunteered at the sportsfest.

"Today is an opportunity to understand they are loved and despite being limited in their capabilities to participate in certain sports. It is an honor to coach with them and work with them," he said.

*Man'amkos* from the Office of Aging also joined the event by sharing their common dilemma with persons with disability, which is being physically unqualified to participate in certain sports.

The "pugua" court also allocated seven vendors that were sponsors for the festival, namely Domestic Violence Prevention Center, Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy System, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Voices of the CNMI, CNMI Literacy Program, Division of Youth Services, and Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Respite Service Program.

## Cousins perfect in Minnesota debut



**DENVER**—Kirk Cousins was perfect in his cameo, and then kicked back and watched two former Broncos quarterbacks tear apart their old teammates.

Cousins completed all four of his passes in the Vikings' 42-28 exhibition victory Saturday night, including a 1-yard touchdown strike on a quick slant to Stefon Diggs.

"I think it was a smooth first drive but it is a small sample size and the next couple of weeks will be a good test for us," Cousins said.

Diggs called it a good first step.

"He's a good quarterback," Diggs said. "He makes some great throws."

Case Keenum wasn't nearly as sharp in his Denver debut, completing just 1 of 4 passes for 5 yards spanning two drives.

"It's just frustrating not playing well and you don't have a chance to bounce back from it," Keenum said.

Cousins was the crown jewel of this year's free-agent class of quarterbacks, signing an \$84 million, three-year deal in Minneapolis. That meant Keenum was out two months after leading the Vikings to the NFC championship, and he signed a \$36 million, two-year deal with Denver.

The Broncos then traded

their starter, Trevor Siemian, to the Vikings to serve as Cousins' backup—so long as he beats out Kyle Sloter, another former Denver QB.

That left Paxton Lynch and Chad Kelly vying for No. 2 duty in Denver.

So, this preseason opener was filled with quarterback intrigue.

After Cousins' single series—one in which he didn't have to face Von Miller—Siemian led Minnesota on three scoring drives, most notably a screen pass to Roc Thomas that beat the blitz for a 78-yard score.

Siemian was 11 of 17 for 165 yards, two TDs and an interception against his old team.

"It was a little weird for sure, but good to see old buddies," Siemian said.

Lynch, the former first-rounder twice beaten out by Siemian in Denver, was just 6 of 11 for 24 yards and an interception.

"Obviously I'm upset," he said.

Despite 17 yards passing overall in the first half, the Broncos only trailed 24-14 at halftime thanks to Isaiah McKenzie's 78-yard punt return for a TD and rookie Royce Freeman's 23-yard TD scamper—Denver's only first down before halftime.

Just when the crowd was starting to lament losing Siemian and Sloter, in came Kelly to fire up the crowd.

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association of the new body-weight categories in the sport.

The Pacific Games Council executive board has approved the adoption of the 10 new

categories made by the International Weightlifting Federation: 55kg, 61kg, 67kg, 73kg, 81kg, 89kg, 96kg, 102kg, 109kg, and +109kg in the men's and the women's 45kg, 49kg, 55kg, 59kg, 64kg, 71kg, 76kg, 81kg, 87kg, and +87kg.



# 2018 Saipan Soccer School Summer Camp



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Participants in the 2018 Saipan Soccer School Summer Camp pose for a photo while holding their certificate of completion during the closing ceremony of the event early this month at the TSL Sport Complex.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
A player from the Orange Team tries to move away from Green Team defenders.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
A Blue Team player attempts to control the ball.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
A Green Team player, right, dribbles away from her defender.



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Volunteer coach Krizel Tuason guides two young participants in the summer camp.



Two female participants battle for the ball.



A Yellow Team player kicks the ball.

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Koepka moves  
in front;  
Woods back in  
contention

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# Suzuki swims faster in finals

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The CNMI's Lennosuke Suzuki made another finals appearance in the Pan Pacific Swimming Championships 2018 and registered a faster time last Saturday at the Tatsumi International Swimming Center in Tokyo, Japan.



Suzuki raced in the 200m individual medley and clocked in at 2:27.07 on Heat 1 to advance to the B finals. He went on to post a faster time in the finale after checking in at 2:25.64. The U.S.' Chase Tyler Kalisc recorded the best time out of the three heats in the event with his 1:57:07 to lead seven other qualifiers and he also took the gold medal after timing in at 1:55.40 in the finals. Australia's Michelle Larkin (1:56.21) and Japan's Kosuke Hagino (1:56.66) got the silver and bronze, respectively.

Meanwhile, Suzuki competed in two more events over **See SUZUKI on Page 26**



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The CNMI's Lennosuke Suzuki, seen here getting out of the pool during the 12th Oceania Swimming Championships in Papua New Guinea last June, completed his participation in the Pan Pacific Swimming Championships 2018 in Japan yesterday.

## Weightlifters lead monthly honor rolls



MICRONESIAN GAMES PHOTO

Antonette Labausa competed in the 9th Micronesian Games in Yap last month. She won the NMSA Female Athlete of the Month award for bringing home three gold medals.

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Weightlifting's Rodrigo Ada and Antonette Labausa were named NMSA Male and Female Athlete of the Month (for July) after delivering medals for the CNMI during the 9th Micronesian Games in Yap.

Labausa bagged three gold medals after beating fellow Commonwealth weightlifter Bonnie Cruz in the 90-kg division contest. Labausa had 91kg in the clean & jerk and 68kg in snatch for a total of

159kg to complete the sweep.

Ada, on the other hand, gave the CNMI two silver medals and one bronze. He competed in the men's 94-kg weight class and posted 95kg in the clean & jerk and 190kg in the total category for the pair of silver medals, while his 85kg in the snatch earned him the bronze.

CNMI Weightlifting Federation president John Davis, during his nomination of Ada, noted how the latter made a strong debut in an off-island tournament despite being the underdog in his division. Davis added that he recruited Ada and he was impressed with the weightlifter's significant development in such a short time.

Ada, Labausa, Cruz, Joey Tudela, and Angel San Nicolas combined for a 6-7-2 gold-silver-bronze medal haul—the most by any CNMI squad, earning the group the NMSA Team of the Month honors.

Cruz contributed three silvers, San Nicolas won three gold medals, and Tudela handed the Commonwealth two silvers and one bronze.

The weightlifting squad's 15 medals in the last week of competition in Yap allowed the CNMI to jump from seventh to fifth place in the final medal standings. Team Marianas had a 9-18-9 tally.

Meanwhile, Northern Marianas Sports Association, during its meeting last Thursday, informed the weightlifting **See ROLLS on Page 26**

## Disability Sports Festival finally pushes through

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The 2018 Disability Sports

Festival finally pushed through last Friday and Saturday at the Marianas High School with disabled individ-

uals from Saipan, Tinian, and Rota taking part in the first-ever sports event of its kind in the CNMI.

It was originally scheduled from July 6 to 7, but was postponed due to the tropical storm that same week.

Each activity was conducted by a company or a person during the two-day sports festival. Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems organized boccia. Boccia is a precision ball sport adapted from bocce, but for people that use wheelchairs. The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Respite Service Program

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Napu Outrigger Canoe Club's Jason Tarkong gives paddling instructions to participants in last Saturday's 2018 Disability Sports Festival at the Killi Beach Park.

